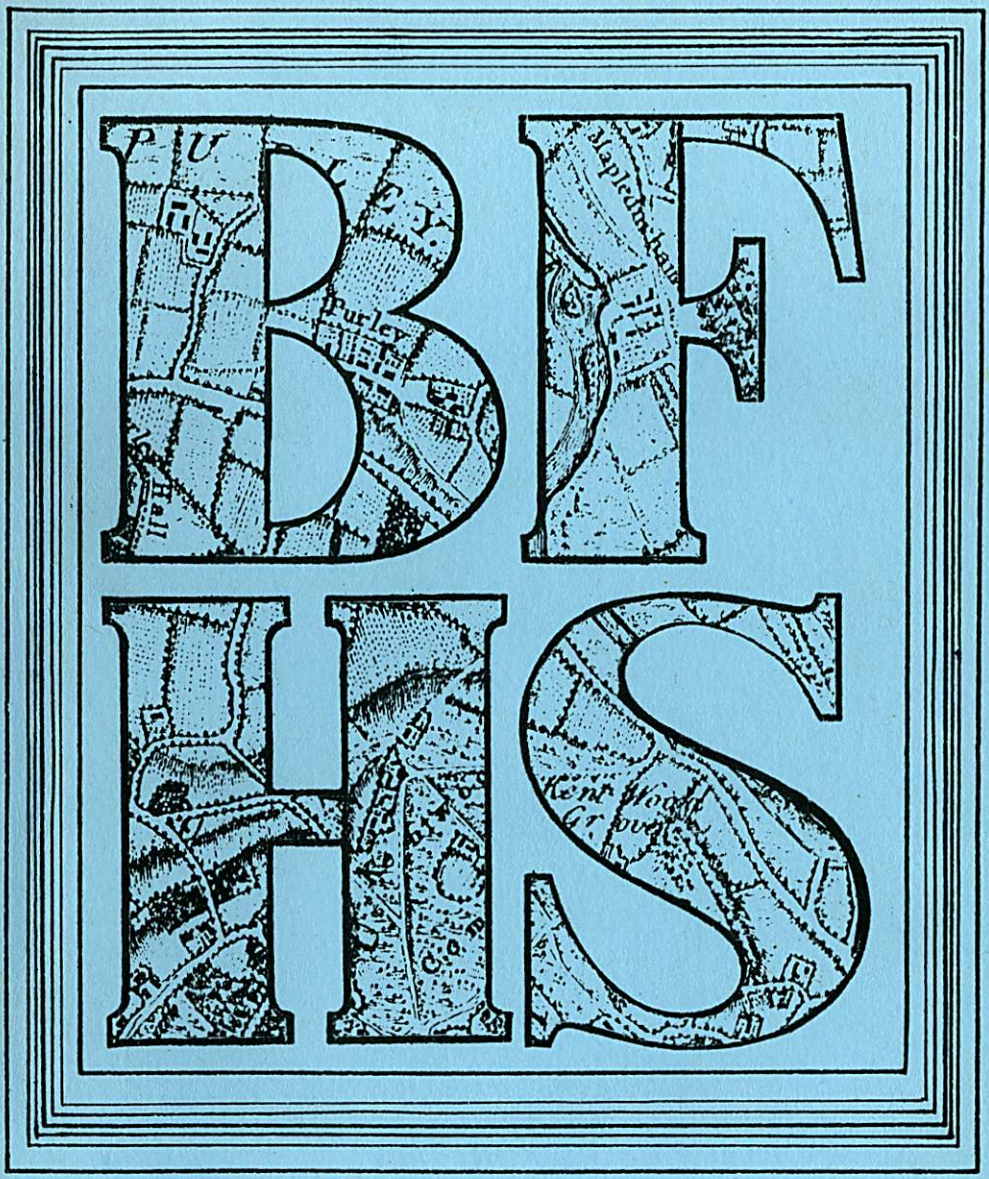
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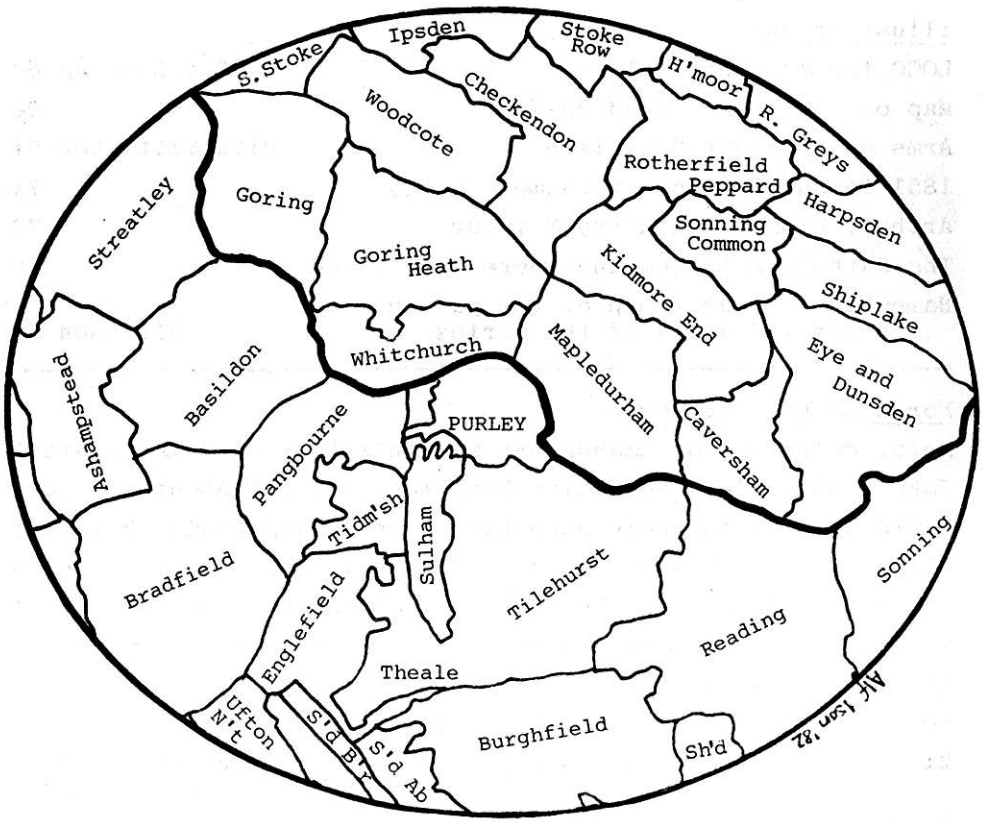
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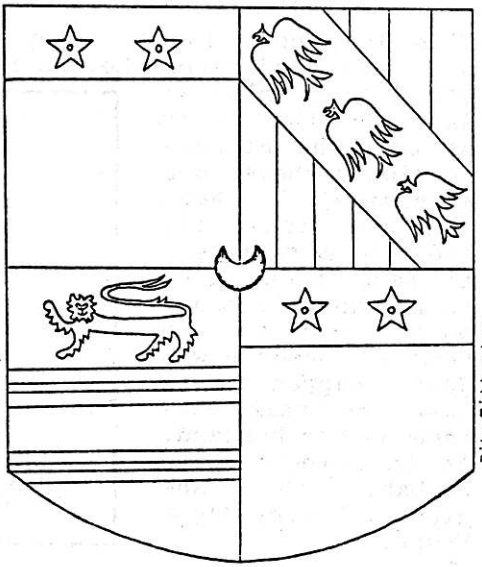


HERALDRY AND PURLEY

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Family and Local Historians must use all the clues and facts available to them, to build up a history. One source of clues which can be very easily overlooked and disregarded is heraldry. Project Purley has been researching the past and the people of Purley, Berkshire, and heraldry has played a small part in that research.

St Mary's Church, Purley, does not contain a wealth of heraldry. There is a carved coat of arms on the south face of the tower with the date 1626 above it - see right. The heraldry enthusiast, if encouraged by seeing this on approaching the church, will be disappointed when he enters. On the west wall of the nave are a few monuments which include small coats of arms in their designs. Apart from a monument to Anne Hyde, which has five small shields, the same is true for the monuments which are in the tower. The student of heraldry would probably dismiss it all as of little value. If the local historian did the same, he would be dismissing a source of useful information.

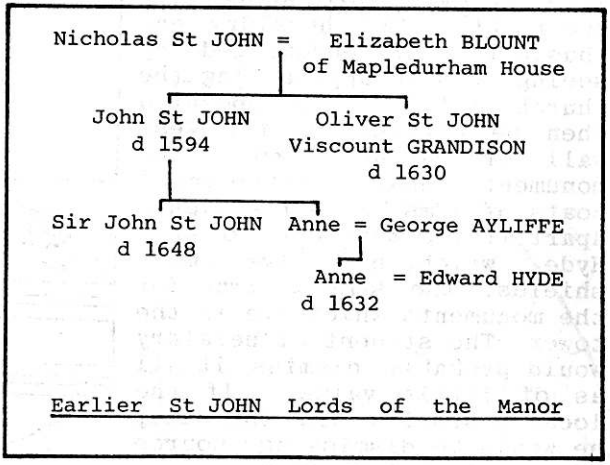


The arms on the south of the tower are quarterly, 1 and 4: St John (Argent, on a chief gules two mullets pierced or), 2: Grandison (Paly of six argent and azure on a bend gules three eagles displayed or), 3: Tregoz (Azure two bars gemel and in chief a lion passant gardant or), the whole with a crescent at the centre. The Victoria County History and an article in the Berks Archealogical Journal suggest these are the arms of Sir John St John (1st Bart) Lord of the Manor of Purley in 1626 (the date above the arms). However recent research has shown that they are the arms of the Viscount Grandison, Uncle to Sir John St John. The church also has a bell dated 1629, inscribed to 'Lord Grandison'. These two items suggest that Viscount Grandison had more than just a passing interest in Purley.

On the south wall inside the tower is a memorial to Anne Hyde who died at Purley in 1632. She was the first wife of Edward Hyde, later 1st Lord Clarendon. His daughter, Anne Hyde by his second wife, was the mother of Queen Mary II and Queen Anne. The local legend is that the Hydes were travelling near Reading when Anne was taken ill and that she died at Purley Hall, the home of Francis Hyde (presumed to be a relative). Edward Hyde and Francis Hyde were not related as far as can be established. However, on the monument are five small coats of arms:-

1: HYDE on its own
2 & 5: HYDE impaling AYLIFFE (the monument states that Anne was the daughter of Sir George Ayliffe). These two shields represent her marriage to Edward Hyde.
3: AYLIFFE
4: AYLIFFE impaling St JOHN

This last coat is the clue to where Anne Hyde probably did die, as it indicates she was related to the St John family. Her mother, also an Anne, was the sister of Sir John St John mentioned above (see alongside). When Anne was taken ill she was more likely to have been taken to her uncle's manor house than to the home of someone who just happened to have the same surname as her husband. It thus seems quite probable that she died at Purley Manor House.



The church also contains three memorials to the Liebenrood family. The earliest is for Anne, wife of John George Liebenrood. She died in 1772. Her husband died in 1795 and is described as a native of Ellrich, Co Holstein. The arms displayed by Mr Liebenrood are the German arms of Liebenrood, (argent three bends sable on a chief gules a demi-stag argent attired and hooved or), with an escutcheon of pretence of Allen, (argent two bars azure an anchor gold), quartering Reresbury, (gules on a bend argent three crosslets fitchy sable).

If one asks the question, "What brought a native of Germany to live in Purley?", then the coat of arms does suggest a theory. His wife's arms of Allen are the same as those borne by the Allen family of Streatly in the Berkshire Visit-

ation of 1666. Was Anne Liebenrood (nee Allen) the heiress of this family from Streatly? This line of research is being followed up.

The third memorial is to John Engleberts Liebenrood, the 'adopted great nephew' of John George, which relationship can be interpretted in several ways! He died in 1821 and his wife Lucy (nee Hancock) died in 1829. It was this John who moved from Purley to Prospect Park about 1800. The memorial displays the arms of LIEBENROOD impaling HANCOCK. Prospect Park was owned by their son George Englebert and then by their daughter Lucy who died in 1865. The Park was then inherited by John Hancock the brother (nephew?) of Lucy (wife of John E) who assumed the name Liebenrood. He died in 1883 and it was his son George Englebert Liebenrood who sold Prospect Park to Reading Corporation.

I have not yet mentioned the arms on the monument to Anne Liebenrood (nee Allen). There were arms painted on the monument, but they have at some time been erased. The escutcheon of pretence of ALLEN quartering RERESBURY can still be made out. Close examination of the main Liebenrood part of the arms shows that the chief gules with the deers head has been omitted. These incorrect arms were probably erased with the intention of correcting them but the work did not get finished.

The heraldry on the other monuments in the church does not appear to give any clues to other aspects of the history of Purley.

PURLEY BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS (FROM 1607) AND PARISH REGISTERS (1662 TO 1812)

by Jean Debney

The Register Booke continued by Thomas BLAGRAVE who was Inducted into ye Rectory and Parish Church of Purleigh, Decemb: 16 1662.

The earliest Parish Registers for the church of St Mary the Virgin, Purley, have long since disappeared. The above is the first entry from the oldest surviving register. Fortunately there are some Bishop's Transcripts preserved among the papers of the Diocese of Salisbury which are now housed in the Wiltshire Record Office at Trowbridge. They are for the years:-

1607; 1614-1623; 1628; 1631; 1634-1637; 1642; 1662 - 1664; 1667 - 1670; 1674 - 1685; 1690 - 1699; 1700-1701; 1707; 1713-1758; 1760-1812; 1813-1836.

I have transcribed the early BTs completely and compared the later ones with my transcript of the parish registers; where necessary I have noted any variations of entry, plus the occasional entry which does not appear in the register.

The three volumes of the Parish Registers (1662 to 1812) which are deposited in the Berkshire Record Office are all in good condition, and I have transcribed and indexed them. Copies will shortly be available in the Record Office, Reading Central Reference Library and in the BFHS Library. The Registers are written in English throughout and are relatively readable - with some occasional bad hand-writing. There do not appear to be any gaps, although there was undoubtedly a degree of under-registration as in most parishes at that time.

In Volume I, baptisms, marriages and burials are mixed until 1754, when marriages and banns are listed in the next volume. Baptisms and burials continue mixed until 1789 and are then entered in separate sections.

BAPTISMS

Many of the 'baptisinges' in the early BTs do not name any parent, which makes family reconstitution difficult: e.g. 'James BARFAT was baptised the xxiiij (24th) of Jenuary' (1617/8). The registers give more detail: 'Jane daughter of James & Elizabeth BARFOOT baptised 22 November 1663' which makes it much easier to work out who belonged to whom.

Between 1692 and 1708 the Rev GOSTWICK carefully recorded the date of birth as well as of baptism. At first, most of the babies were baptised on the day of birth, or within two days, until the turn of the century, after which they are aged between one and four weeks at baptism.

Bastardy does not seem to have been much of a problem in the parish - apart from the occasional isolated incident:- When Mary IVY's daughter Martha was baptised in 1749, the churchwardens presented her to the Archdeacon for 'fornication' - she does not appear to have sinned again! There was a sudden spate of eight illegitimate births (representing 13% of baptisms) during the decade 1788-1798. The register does not give any clue as to what may have caused this lapse from grace in four households, and the churchwardens did not present anyone.

The villagers were very conservative in their choice of names for their infants. John, William, Mary and Elizabeth occur frequently until suddenly, in 1758, Parthenia daughter of John and Mary CLARKE is baptised, closely followed by another Parthenia in 1764 who is the daughter of Richard SIMMONS and Sarah (nee CLARKE). John CLARKE came from 'Sunning' to marry in Purley - so perhaps the clue lies in

Sonning's parish records - I must have a look sometime, or does someone know the answer already?

MARRIAGES

'William FRUWEN & Jone SMITH was weded the second of Febuary'(1614/5)

This is a typical entry from the early years; not until after 1680 are the parish of residence (or of settlement?) of the parties noted in the register. During the 40 years before Hardwick's Marriage Act of 1753, an increasing number of couples travelled, some apparently for long distances, to marry in Purley: in 1713 Bernard KEMBLE came from Cricklade in Wiltshire to marry Sarah YATES of Thatcham. In the 1740s three out of every four couples who married in Purley came from outside the parish, many from Reading.

The 1753 Marriage Act, which came into force in 1754, was designed to end clandestine marriages. Weddings thereafter could only be performed after the proper publication of banns, which had to be recorded in a book, or by a Licence issued by the Bishop; Purley purchased a new book (volume 2) with lined pages of vellum and marriage entries immediately became more complex:

John CLARKE of the parish of Sunning . . . and Martha LOVEGROVE of this parish were married in this Church by License this 24th day of December in the year of our Lord 1755, by me R STEBBING, Curate.
This marriage was solemnized between us: (both signed their names) in the presence of: John MARTIN & Robert ANDREWS.

BURIALS

The Burial in Woollen Act of 1678 only produced two entries which refer to the Act: 'Richard OSBORNE buried in woollen' (1679) and Mr Charles HIDE 'affidavit brought 26th' (he was buried 20 Sept 1683). The HIDE family of Hide Hall (now Purley Hall) were Catholic Recusants, and almost their only entries in the registers are for burials.

No causes of death are recorded in the registers, except for Giles BLAGRAVE, farmer, who was 'murdered between this (parish) and Reading, Jan 28th' (1737/38) and buried three days later. He left a wife, Katherine, and two small children, Katherine aged 3 and Joseph aged two years, who had to leave their tenancy of Westbury Farm, Purley.

As one often finds in registers, the minimum details are recorded of ordinary folk, but when it comes to someone important, such as the squire or the incumbent's own family, then every little fact is noted. Following the brief entry of the baptism of John the son of John and Eleanor NICHOLLS in 1680 there is the following:-

Thomas ye son of Thomas BLAGRAVE (Rector of Purley) and Elizabeth his wife, borne ye 15th of Aprill betwixt 12 and one of ye clock in ye morning and baptized Aprill ye 25th.

Unfortunately, after such a grand entry, Thomas did not live for long and was buried ten days later. Similar full entries were given for the Rev BLAGRAVE's subsequent children, John in 1682 and Thomas in 1683, who seem to have survived.

MEMORANDA

As in many other parishes, the empty pages of the registers have been used to record various memoranda. Inside the flyleaf of the earliest register (D/P 93/1/1) someone has written:-

> Mem: The Carpenter & his brother
> Cutting down the timber
> Four days sawing - 3 days work

and:-

> MAPLEY the Mason, 3 days work himself & 2 boys.

I do wish they had given more details such as the date or how much was paid. I have no idea who MAPLEY was . . .

There are several accounts of land, dated 1714, 1729 and 1734, which are probably of Glebe lands and for which the full Glebe Terriers have not survived.

Churches received many requests for charity and there is a list of charitable briefs which have been received from places as far afield as Devon, Cambridge and Warwickshire. There are a few from Berkshire churches and people:-

1663 - 'Collected for Kintbury in ye County of Berks, fourteen pence Apr: 12'

1665 - ' . . . for Rob HAMBIN of Shetford(?) Woodlands, Berkshire, July 2 - 2s'

1670/1 - 'March 5th - Collected for John WICKENS & Luke ARLAD two of ye inhabitants of ye parish of Ufton in ye county of Berks - 3s 3d'

1672 - 'Collected for Hestar in ye county of Newberry, September 8 - 1s 10d'

1673 - 'Collected for Lawrence Waltham in ye county of Berks - 1s 0d'

There is a list of forty briefs listed at the back of volume 3 of the register (D/P 93/1/3) which cover the period 1804-1808, and money was only collected for four of them. Most of the parish were probably too poor at that time to keep dipping into their pockets.

For further details of the Parish Registers please see the Berkshire Record Office indexes as published in the previous issue, volume 7, number 2.

Corrections to Purley material in volume 7 number 1:-
Page 13, 2nd paragraph, line 4 - for 'James I' read 'James II'
Pages 17 & 18 - please correct the following names in the surname list:-

for 'Chriatie' read 'Christie'	for 'Periey' read 'Pirey'
for 'Neyley' read 'Neyler'	for 'Reave' read 'Reavs'

SURNAMES IN THE BISHOP'S TRANSCRIPTS AND PARISH REGISTERS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, PURLEY, BERKSHIRE (1607-1812)

compiled by Jean Debney

Acton
Adams
Aldridge
Allam
Allaway
Allder
Allen
Allom
Alloway
Allum
Ammings
Andrews
Angel
Archell
Armstrong
Arnold
Attersholl
Avery
Ayres

Badman
Bagley
Bailey
Baker
Bakus
Ball
Ballard
Banbury
Baning
Barefoot
Barker
Barlow
Barnes
Barr
Bartholomew
Bartlet
Bastian
Beach
Beddoes
Bedford
Beesely
Belbin
Bellchamber
Benwell
Berker
Berry
Betteridge
Biddis
Bidge
Biggs
Bishop
Bithell
Blacklock
Blackman
Blagrave
Blisset
Bolton
Bone
Bonney
Bosher
Bowdry
Bowyer
Brigham
Britten
Brockbridge
Brooks
Bronsdon
Browne
Brunt
Buckeridge
Buckland
Bulstrode
Bunce
Burgess
Burnam
Burt
Bushnell
Butler
Butter
Button
Bye

Carter
Caseburt
Caustin
Chalk
Challis
Chamberlin
Chambers
Champ
Chapman
Charke
Chaulk
Chaundler
Chesterman
Child
Childs
Choake
Claridge
Clark
Clements
Clifton
Clinton
Cobbes
Cochrane
Coke
Cole
Coles
Collins
Cooper
Corker
Corne
Cottrell
Cox
Coxhead
Coxwell
Crank
Crannidge
Creed
Cresswell
Crips
Crocker
Cule
Cumton
Curtis
Cuttler

Dagnall
Dame
Dave
Davis
De Cheis
Den
Dench
Denton
Dewe
Doe
Donell
Doucet
Douglas
Doyly
Drake
Draper
Dyer
Eagle
Eaton
Eeles
Elbery
Eldridge
Ellat
Elles
Elliot
Ellis
Elms
Emat
Emery
Emes
Emmans
Emmings
Emmons
Emory
Etty
Everett

Fär
Farer
Farmer
Farrar
Ferrol
Fitcher
Fletcher
Flexney
Florey
Florie
Foodes
Ford
Fox
Franklin
Frankling
Franklyn
Freeman
Frood
Frowd
Fruwen
Fry
Fulkes
Fuller
Furnnis

Gardiner
Garford
Geddes
George
Gibbs
Gibes
Giles
Gill
Gleichman
Goade
Godwin
Gold
Golding
Goodboy
Gordon
Gostwick
Gould
Grant
Green
Grove
Grover
Groves
Grundy
Gunstone
Gury
Gutheridge
Gutteridge

Hackinges
Haines
Hale
Halfacre
Hall
Hamblett
Hamblin
Hammond
Handscumbe
Hankins
Hanstone
Harber
Harman
Harrison
Hart
Harwood
Hawes
Haynes
Hayward
Healey
Hearn
Heath
Heaver

Heeley
Henwood
Herridge
Hester
Hexney
Heys
Heyward
Hide
Higgs
Hill
Hinds
Hoarne
Hidges
Hollman
Holloway
Holmes
Homes
Hope
Hopkins
Hoster
House
Hullbert
Hughes
Humphrey
Humphries
Hunt
Hussy
Hybsard
Hyde

Ilsley
Ironmonger
Ivy

Jacket
Jackson
Jactir
James
Jeffry
Jemmet
Jerome
Jimmet
Johnson
Johnston
Jones
Jordan
Justice

Karrod
Kavanagh
Kemble
Kent
Kerrod
Kersewell
Kessel

Keys
Kirkby
Kirsell
Knapp
Knight
Knott

Lake
Lambeth
Lambourn
Langdon
Langford
Lawley
Lawrence
Lech
Ledger
Lee
Lewis
Liebenrood
Little
Littlefield
Livard
Loader
Lookman
Lovegrove
Ludlow
Luckman
Lukeman
Lyaster
Lybbe
Lyford

Mackrell
Malbone
Malen
Malsen
Manesty
Marcy
Mark
Markeck
Markes
Marr
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Marshall
Martin
Maseall
Maslen
Maul
May
Mean
Medden
Merrick
Merritt
Middleton

Miles
Millard
Milsam
Minton
Mitchel
Monckton
Mulford
Munday

Napp
Netherclift
New
Newberry
Newbury
Newman
Nicholls
Nightingale
Noake
North
Numan

Okam
Orchard
Orum
Osborne
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Page
Paice
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Pearse
Pearson
Penstone
Pentin
Peren
Perren
Perry
Pether
Pewsey
Piercy
Piggot
Piper

Pither
Plummer
Pocket
Pocock
Poke
Poor
Pope
Porter
Pottinger
Povey
Powell
Prat
Preston
Prior
Pusey
Pylsard

Quelch

Radbourn
Ratband
Ravenscroft
Reade
Readell
Redbourn
Redding
Reed
Remnant
Reynolds
Rider
Rose
Round
Row
Russill
Rust
Rush

Samford
Sample
Sandere
Sanders
Sanford
Saunders
Sawyer
Sayer
Scrace
Sever
Sevir
Sewell
Sharman
Sheppard
Sherman
Sherwood
Shirly
Shirman

Shurfield
Simeon
Simmons
Simmonds
Simms
Simpson
Skeat
Skinner
Skirmer
Skittes
Smallbone
Smith
South
Southby
Sparhawk
Spencer
Sprackett
Stanniver
Starling
Stebbing
Stedman
Stenton
Stephens
Stevens
Stockbridge
Stokes
Storer
Swaine
Sweet
Symonds
Symons

Tailor
Tallant
Tame
Taylor
Tegg
Teggue
Terrol
Tesdayle
Thomas
Thorne
Thornell
Tisdayle
Tocock
Tomkins
Toovey
Trendal
Try
Turner

Underwood

Vale

Valpy
Venden
Vinden
Vindon
Viner
Vinge
Vokins

Walker
Wall
Wallcroft
Waller
Walter
Warner
Watts
Webb
Webster
Wellman
Wells
Went----
Wescomb
Wessen
West
What
Whate
Wheat
Wheeler
White
Whitelock
Whitney
Wickans
Widley
Wilder
Williams
Willis
Winch
Winckles
Wise
Witchelloe
Witcher
Withers
Woller
Woodley
Woodus
Woodward
Woolfor(d)
Woolnord
Worlidge
Woulford
Wrench
Wright

Yates
Young

1851 CENSUS OF BERKSHIRE

This year the society is resurrecting its project for the transcribing and indexing of the 1851 census for Berkshire. It is obviously a major undertaking and will, no doubt, take some years to complete. However, since the whole transcript and index would be far too big for publication as a single volume, we intend to publish it in manageable sections as the work proceeds. The exact details of publication have yet to be finalised, but it is expected that groups of parishes/etc will go into a series of booklets, in a condensed transcript form (that is with relationships, occupations and birthplaces each in coded form); surname indexes may be produced separately.

Of course, we need the transcripts before we can begin to publish them - which is where any members who can spare some time transcribing come in . . . If you would like to help, but haven't had the time to let us know yet, Polly Lawrence, our project co-ordinator (phone Wantage 4798, address as on back cover), will be very pleased to hear from you. Whilst we hope that each member will be able to work on those areas of the county in which he/she is most interested, we would ask all members to please contact Polly before they start to work - as we hope to be able to avoid duplication of effort if at all possible. (If you already have any transcript you are prepared to let the society use, please let Polly have it - or news of any others that you may know about!) Each allocated unit of work will normally be a small parish or hamlet (though requests for large ones will not be ignored), but it is possible that some of the more populous areas will have to be split up fairly arbitrarily into groups of folio numbers in order to enable several members to join forces in their transcription. In addition to such individual allocations, we intend to organise "work points" at central locations. Each such point will have an easy-to-follow guide giving full instructions for the progressive transcribing, by anyone in the vicinity, of nominated parts of the county. It is expected that anyone near to a work point, and with a bit of time to spare, will be able to handle the transcribing and cope with the necessary updating of the controlling file held there (to ensure that the next member can pick up the work where you left off). The first such point will be in Reading's Central Reference Library.

In order to ensure consistancy in the initial transcripts, a standard format sheet is enclosed; it can easily be used in conjunction with an A4 ruled pad by slipping it under the top sheet, the vertical lines will then show through. (With the careful, neat writing that is of paramount importance in a project of this nature, you will probably find that you do not need to actually draw the lines onto your own paper!) Each sheet should be headed with the name of the parish and place, the PRO piece number (the HO 107 may be omitted), the

folio and page numbers and your (the transcriber's) name.

Each household has a number allocated to it by the enumerator, this number and any address details (beyond the parish or place name already written in the heading) should both be entered across the page, beginning in the surname column. To make them stand out, both should be underlined. All names should be copied in CAPITAL LETTERS. Relationships to head of household should be abbreviated, using one of the codes given below; marital status should be M for married, U for unmarried or W for widowed. Where any age is not given in years, it should be suffixed appropriately to signify months (m), weeks (w) or days (d), if less than one day old, please enter zero (0). Occupation and birthplace should be copied exactly as given. "Ditto" signs may be used when applicable providing always that their meaning is clear and unambiguous to persons using the transcript.

At the time of writing, members will either have to go to a place where census returns copies are held, or else obtain photostat copies (I understand the price works out at about 30p per sheet). I am currently investigating the possibility of procuring copies which can be used in a home environment.

Chris Bingley
(organiser)

Relationship abbreviations

apprentice	AP	great uncle	GU	mother-in-law	ML	step-daughter	SD
assistant	AS	Groom	GR	niece	NC	step-father	SF
aunt	AN	guest	GT	nephew	NP	step-mother	SM
boarder	BD	half-brother	HB	nurse	NS	step-sister	SC
brother	BR	half-sister	HC	orphan	OR	Step-son	SS
brother-in-law	BL	head	HD	patient	Pt	stranger	SG
clerk	CK	housekeeper	HK	porter	PO	teacher	TE
companion	CM	husband	HU	prisoner	PS	traveller	TR
cousin	CO	inmate	IM	pupil	PP	uncle	UC
daughter	DA	journeyman	JM	relation	RE	visitor	VR
daughter-in-law	DL	lodger	LG	relative	RE	wife	WI
father	FA	lodger's dau	LD	scholar	SH	wife's dau	WD
father-in-law	FL	lodger's son	LS	schoolteacher	ST	wife's father	WF
foreman	FM	Lodger's wife	LW	servant	SV	wife's gd dau	WG
governess	GO	maidservant	MV	sister	CI	wife's grand-son	WG
grand-daughter	GD	matron	MA	sister-in-law	CL		
grandfather	GF	mistress	MT	son	SO	wife's mother	WM
grandmother	GM	mistress' dau	MD	son-in-law	SL	wife's sister	WC
grandson	GS	mistress' son	MS	son's wife	SW	wife's son	WS
great aunt	GA	mother	MO	step-brother	SB	wife's bro	WB

Opposite: sample transcribed sheet from the Binfield return:-

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Parish: BINFIELD

Place:

Surname	Forename(s)	Rel to HD	Status	Age	Occupation	Where born
28 Westly Mill						
WILLISS	WILLIAM	HD	M	52	Farm laborer	Binfield
— " —	JANE	WI	M	47		Oxford, Oxon
HEARN	WILLIAM	SO	U	20	— " —	Binfield
— " —	ELLENOR	DA	U	16		— " —
29 Westly Mill						
BARTHOLOMEW	JAMES	HD	M	80	Beershopkeeper	— " —
— " —	LETITIA	WI	M	73		Denham, Bucks
CLARK	JAMES	GS		5	Scholar	Binfield
30 Nr Picked Point						
DAVIS	ANN	WI	M	38	Farm laborer	Wokingham
	HENRY WM	SO	U	16	— " —	Binfield
	FRANCIS(sic)	DA	U	14	— " —	— " —
31 Cokery Lane						
CROCKER	FRANCIS	HD	M	50	Farmer (170 acres/5 labs.)	Hampstead Marshall
— " —	ANNE	WI	M	45		Ludford, Heref'd
LYKE	SARAH	CI	U	58		— " — — " —
CROCKER	FRANCIS	NP	U	25	Farm laborer	Waltham St Lawrence
SILVESTER	WILLIAM	SV	U	16	— " —	— " —
32 Cokery Lane						
WISE	WILLIAM	HD	M	40	Farm laborer	Bray
	MARY	WI	M	40		Binfield
	JAMES	SO		14	— " —	White Waltham
	LUCY	DA		10		— " —
	ELIZABETH	DA		8	Scholar	— " —

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BERKSHIRE AND THE WAR

Mike Seymour

During the First World War more than 8,000 photographs were published in the pages of the 'Reading Standard'. These photographs include military scenes both at home and abroad but of more interest to the family historian are the pictures of individual men. It is always exciting to discover a photograph of a relative, and if a member of your family served in the Royal Berkshire Regiment during the Great War you may be lucky enough to find one.

After the war the photographs were collected together in four volumes entitled 'Berkshire and the War', which form a unique local record of the Great War. There is a useful introduction to each volume where it is stated that:-

> It seemed desirable that the material thus got together should not be lost in the pages of a weekly newspaper but be gathered up into a oermanent work which would be a valuable portrait gallery of the brave men who went from the County of Berkshire to meet the onslaught of the foe.

There is an index at the beginning of each volume with 'Patriotic Families' listed there, together with a series called 'Brothers and Comrades too'. The photographs were published to honour departed heroes as well as to arouse others to follow them:-

> In addition, in order to stimulate recruitment, groups of patriotic families who were joining up, or serving with the colours, formed a prominent feature.

I found photographs of my grandfather and of two of his brothers. There is often add-



The late Pte. ARTHU
5th Batt. Royal Berks R
action, aged 25 (the first
the trench in an
They are sons of Mr. an

Surnames in the 'Patriotic Families' and 'Brothers and Comrades' indexes:

Abdey	Archer	Beasley	Brasher	Buss	Clarke	Dance	Eggleton
Abery	Argyle	Beavon	Breach	Butler	Clements	Darbourn	Elderfield
Ackrill	Attfield	Beckett	Brett	Buxcey	Coater	Davis	Elliott
Akers	Ayres	Berry	Brickland	Bye	Cohen	Day	Emblem
Alder		Binge	Brind	Byrne	Cole	Dean	Excell
Aldridge	Baldwin	Bird	Brooker	Cadman	Collins	Dearlove	
Aldworth	Ball	Blackall	Brooks	Capel	Collinson	Dobson	Farmer
Alexander	Barnard	Blake	Brown	Carter	Cooper	Doe	Fisher
Allen	Barrett	Blundell	Browning	Chamberlain	Cowley	Dodd	Ford
Allinson	Barrie	Bowell	Buckett	Champion	Cox	Dore	Fowler
Allnutt	Baston	Bowsher	Buckle	Chandler	Cripps	Dowling	Frost
Anderson	Bateman	Boyde	Budd	Childs	Crutchfield		Fullbrook
Andrews	Bates	Brant	Burton	Clacey	Cuddeford	Edgington	
				Clark	Cullimore	Edwards	Gale
					Curtis	Edworthy	Gardiner

itional information, including some home addresses.

The nine battalions of the Royal Berkshire Regiment are mainly represented in the collection. However, there are a number of other regiments included, for example the Oxford and Bucks. Light Infantry. If your relative was a Berkshire man, you may find him there.

The four volumes are in the Reading Reference Library. The photographs can also be seen in the Berkshire Record Office, where they are contained in two larger volumes.



R SEYMOUR,
egt.—Killed in
t man to leave
attack).



Pte. GEORGE SEYMOUR, 8th Batt. Royal Berks Regt.—Wounded and gassed.



Corpl. HARRY SEYMOUR, 5th Batt. Royal Berks Regt.—Invalided while in training, afterwards rejoined.

d Mrs. T. Seymour, Heath Farm Cottage, Ivor Heath, Uxbridge, late of Reading, who have two other sons with the Colours.

Gardner	Gutteridge	Havell	Holmes	Keen	Lloyd	Millard	North
Gay		Hawkes	Honor	Keep	Lovegrove	Mills	Northway
George	Hack	Hayes	Hughes	Kimber	Lucas	Moore	
Glanfield	Haines	Hayter	Humphries	King		Morris	O'Connor
Goddard	Hale	Hayward	Hurdle	Kingshott	Maccabee	Morton	Odell
Golds	Hall	Headington	Hussey	Knapp	Marshall	Moss	Osborne
Goodchild	Hamblin	Heath	Hutt	Knott	Martin	Murrell	Ostridge
Goodenough	Hamshire	Herbert			Maskell		
Goodyear	Hancock	Herrington	Iles	Lawrence	Mallingley	Naish	Painter
Goswell	Hands	Higgins	Ilott	Leach	May	Nash	Partridge
Gover	Hanks	Hill	Ilsley	Leahy	McMullin	Neal	Partlock
Gray	Hardy	Hinxman		Leather-	Meads	Neate	Patey
Green	Harefield	Hogburn	Jarvis	barrow	Merritt	Newman	Payne
Greenaway	Harris	Holder	Johnsey	Lees	Mettem	Noakes	Perrin
Greenough	Haskell	Holloway	Johnson	Lewis	Miles	Norris	Piercey

Pinfield	Rackley	Saunders	Shore	Spicer	Tame	Wardell	Wicks
Pocock	Rad-	Searies	Short	Starkey	Taylor	Warwick	Winch
Potter	bourne	Searle	Shuff	Stelling	Thatcher	Weait	Windebank
Prater	Rampton	Sellwood	Sillence	Street	Timms	Webb	Woodage
Price	Ravenor	Seymour	Silver	Strong	Titchenor	Weller	Woodason
Priest	Reeves	Sharp	Slade	Stuch-		Wells	Woolgar
Prince	Robins	Sharpe	Smee	berry	Vokins	West	Wren
Prior	Robinson	Sharman	Smith	Sumner		Wheeler	Wyatt
Proctor	Rogers	Shears	Soper	Sweetzer	Walley	Whitfield	
Pyke	Rosier	Sherwood	Sparks	Swell	Wallis	White	Young

Note: Mrs F I Rogers, 16 Springfield Road, Windsor, Berks, SL4 3PQ, has completely indexed all four volumes, including the many individual photographs which are not indexed in the above-named two series. She will be willing to check up on any names and send details on receipt of a sae or two international reply coupons.

From the Registers

Compton Beauchamp, Feb, 1703

"Then buried Geo MASTERS, who was found y^{e} day before in y^{e} High Way, on y^{e} side of Compton Hill, Barboursly murdered, his throat being cut, and several wounds on his face and head. This murder was committed by one of his fellow servants, one Benjamin BOURTON, for which bloudy act he was hang'd."

Hampstead Norris, 1735

"John COX, aged 72 married Widdow WHOOLEY, aged 78.
1735, Sep 22"

CERTIFICATE PRICES RISE AGAIN

The price for certificates on personal application at St Catherine's House goes up to £4.60p from 1st April 1982.

J O H N R A T H E L L

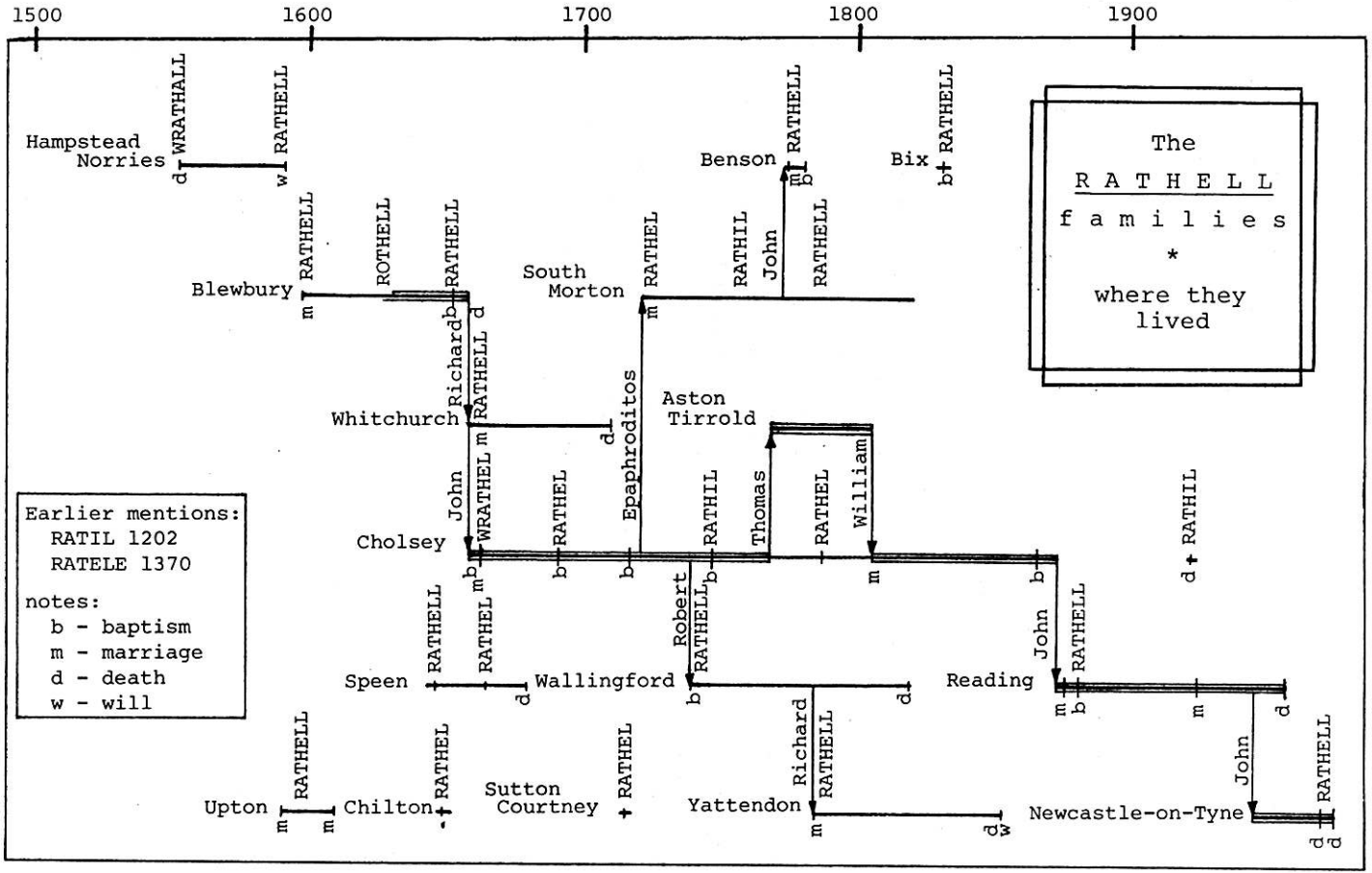
b 1553 Hampstead Norris — d 1973 Newcastle-on-Tyne

are you related?

While working on two families in the Aston Tirrold/Cholsey area, I drew a small line-graph to help me to segregate the various branches.

When I had finished, out of interest, I plotted all the RATHELLs I have on record in terms of location and name variations. A rough pattern emerged of their movements through the villages. I still have work to do in the Benson and Bix areas, plus checking for any I have missed.

Brian W Foulke


1500
1600
1700
1800
1900
The
RATHELL
families
*
where they lived
Hampstead Norries
WRATHALL d
RATHELL w
Benson
RATHELL m
RATHELL b
Bix
RATHELL b
Blewbury
RATHELL m
ROTHELL
RATHELL b
RATHELL d
Richard
RATHELL m
Whitchurch
South Morton
RATHEL m
RATHIL
John
RATHELL
Epaphroditos
d
Aston Tirrold
John
WRATHEL m
RATHEL
RATHIL
Thomas
RATHEL
William
Cholsey
b
b
b
b
m
b
d + RATHIL
RATHELL
RATHEL m
Robert
RATHELL
John
RATHELL
Speen
d
Wallingford
b
d
Reading
m
b
m
d
RATHELL
RATHEL
Sutton Courtney
+ RATHEL
Richard
RATHELL
John
RATHELL
Upton
m
Chilton
m
Yattendon
m
d
Newcastle-on-Tyne
d
d
Earlier mentions:
RATIL 1202
RATELE 1370
notes:
b - baptism
m - marriage
d - death
w - will

BERKSHIRE FOLK IN THE HAMPSHIRE CENSUS

extracted by Jean Debney

Our thanks are again due to the Hampshire Genealogical Society's editor for their series of published indexes to the 1851 census returns. It is by her kind permission that these extracts are printed:- the address of the editor of the series is - Sandra Smith, 12 Woodlands Way, N Baddesley, Southampton, SO5 9HE.

Each entry has the following details (as illustrated by a sample entry):

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COOK      Sarah    50 Sonning      38
|         |        |  |            |
|         |        |  |            folio number within the census bundle
|         |        |  parish of birth (within Berkshire)
|         |        age
|         Christian or forename
Surname
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Volumes 6 & 7 - part of bundle no. HO 107/1681 transcribed and indexed by Mr & Mrs Michael Ford

Volume 6

ANDWELL (extra parochial) - none

MAPLEDURWELL

COOK	Sarah	50	Sonning	38
WHITE	William	47	Padworth	39

BASING

BIRD	Jonathan	70	Hungerford	95
BRIDGEMAN				
	James	62	Thatcham	122
	Thomas	61	Crookham, Thatcham	122
BRIMMER	William	22	Reading, St Mary	94
BRISTOW	Amos	13	Reading	120
BUNETT	Thomas	18	Arborfield	87
COLLIS	Joseph	70	Swallowf'ld	126
COOMBS	Hannah	74	Mortimer	126
CRUTCHFIELD				
	Samuel	26	Finchamps'd	87
DUFFIN	David	60	Sulhamstead	90
	Thomas	52	Sulhamstead	111
FREWIN	Sarah E	36	Shelford	87
	Thomas	41	Blewbury	87
FULKER	Thomas	36	Earley	91
GILLEN	Sarah	48	Reading	104
HARBOR	Harriet	45	Newbury	120
	John	36	Reading	120
HARRIS	Martha	25	Hammerton	94
HOWARD	Isabella	66	Mitchim	121
IRELAND	Harriet	65	Mortimer	126
JAMES	Thomas	76	Aldermaston	121
MATTHEWS	Jesse	72	Brimpton	126
MIDWINTER				
	Mary	57	Swallowf'ld	104
MOOR	John	10	Wokingham	92
MOSDELL	Edmund	65	Buckleberry	98
MUNDAY	Mary	45	Beenham	112
TAPHOUSE	Elizabeth			
		64	Chilton	94
TIGWELL	Ann	64	Wokingham	87
TREACHER	George	35	Beech Hill	87
TURNER	Elizabeth			
		22	Newbury	105
WARD	Richard	67	Aldermaston	125
WILDER	William	51	Wantage	121
WILLIAMS	Eliza	25	Aldermaston	124
WILLIS	Charles	51	Shinfield	96
	John	60	Shinfield	89
WIX	Joel	70	Burghfield	91
YEO	Elizabeth	8	Swallowf'ld	113

EASTROP

LUNN	William	19	Crookham	272

SHERBORNE ST JOHN

BIGGS	Emma	13	Tilehurst	287
	William	14	Tilehurst	287
	William	45	Tilehurst	287
BUNCE	Robert	12	Sulhamstead	304
FREWIN	James	74	Aldermaston	288
GIBBONS	Charles	5	Aldermaston	303
	Hannah	29	Tangborne	305
HUSE	William	64	Welford	309
MARLOW	Emma	23	Finchamps'd	304
	Henry	21	Finchamps'd	304

Sherborne St John (continued)

MAY	Charlotte	49	Tilehurst	289
MERRYWEATHER				
	Joseph	70	Ruscombe	287
	Mary	39	Buckleberry	303
MILES	James	58	Mortimer	304
MYLAND	Jane	15	Reading	287
	Rebaca	55	Reading	287
PURTON	Francis	75	Ardington	289
	Susan	68	Hampstead	289
	Thomas	43	Buckleberry	289
STROUDE	Arthur	20	Aldermaston	304
TIGWELL	Mary M	50	unrecorded	296
TULL	Ann	11	Buckleberry	289
	Eliza	22	Pangborne	305
	Hannah	31	Buckleberry	289
	John W	3	Buckleberry	289
	Sarah	7	Buckleberry	289
WARNER	Ann	30	Buckleberry	291
WEBB	Elizabeth	76	Buckleberry	286
	John	27	Reading	290
	Robert	79	Brimpton	286
WHISTLER	Ann	22	Theale	298
	Ann	45	Theale	298
	John	45	Aldermaston	298

SHERFIELD ON LODDON

ALLUM	Amelia	53	Mails/Males	348
BARKER	Jane	21	Mortimer	339
BUTLER	Eliza	38	Wokingham	337
CANE	Charles	31	Burfield	345
CHAMBERLIN	Ann	17	Ufton	345
CLACY	Mary	51	Brightwell	348
CLARK	Christopher	70	Reading	345
CONANT	Charlotte A	31	Maidenhead	331
COSTEN	George	27	Burfield	336
DAVID	Mary	30	Sinsum	343
HILLARD	George	74	Brimton	341
HOUSE	Edward John	12	Maidenhead	349
	Emma	21	Maidenhead	349
HOWELL	James	56	Sulhamstead	332
ILSLEY	Ann	14	Reading	341
JACKSON	Emma	39	Reading	340
	Henry	42	Reading	340
JOHNSON	William	38	Sonning	340
MAYNARD	Elizabeth	28	Sonning	338
MILES	Elizabeth	39	Beech Hill	341
	John	83	Mortimer	331
NIGHT	Mary	10	Hurst	335
NORMAN	Sophia	74	Bradfield	341
PEARCEY	Daniel	34	Reading	347
	Maria	12	Reading	347
	Miriam	10	Reading	347
PELCHARDS	Richard	29	Wootton	337
SMITH	Eliza	19	Mortimer	342
TAYLOR	Jane Sophia	6	Clewer	344
VINES	Edward	51	Tilehurst	347
	Harriett	42	Greenham	347
WELTCH	Ann	22	Reading	341
	Ann	74	Mails/Males	341

HARTLEY WESPALL

BLUNDEN	Diana	42	Whitley	358
BONE	Sarah	85	Burghfield	359
BROMLEY	E	23	Shinfield	355
BUTT	Benjamin	88	Oare	362
	Harriet	46	Aldermaston	362
CESAR	Mary	34	Arborfield	358
EVERARD	Ann	2	Reading	350
HALL	Maria	26	Newbury	359
HOPE	Edmund	19	Wokingham	363
LAWRENCE	John	30	Windsor	356
MASKELL	John	58	Mortimer	358
	William	4	Clewer	358
MAY	Elizabeth	15	Earley	362
NAISH	Louisa	18	Beech Hill	359

STRATFIELD TURGIS

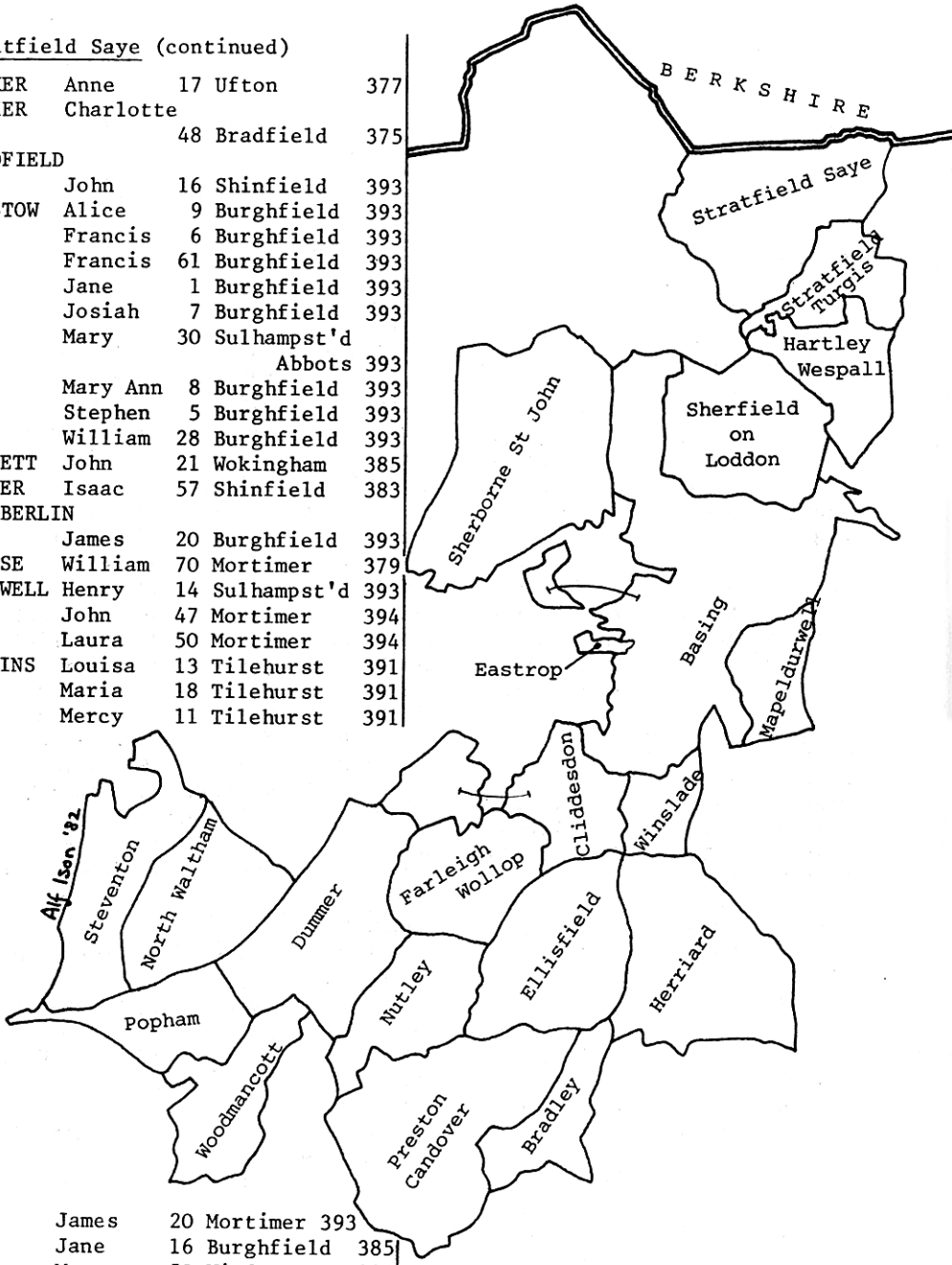
ALLUM	Frances	68	Caversham	365
CRESWELL	James	17	Sulhampst'd	370
HILL	Charles	38	Finchamps'd	364
JOHNSON	Ann	22	Sinsome	367
NAISH	Joseph	18	Beech Hill	367
PAICE	Sarah Fanny	3	Reading	369
PEACOCK	William	54	Shinfield	366
PEARMAN	Elizabeth	40	Wokingham	367

STRATFIELD SAYE

ALDRIDGE	Maria	60	Mortimer	393
	William	67	Mortimer	393
ALLEN	Mary	10	Mortimer	384
	William	39	Mortimer	384
BALLARD	Eliza	42	Mortimer	389

Stratfield Saye (continued)

BARKER	Anne	17	Ufton	377
BOSIER	Charlotte	48	Bradfield	375
BRADFIELD	John	16	Shinfield	393
BRISTOW	Alice	9	Burghfield	393
	Francis	6	Burghfield	393
	Francis	61	Burghfield	393
	Jane	1	Burghfield	393
	Josiah	7	Burghfield	393
	Mary	30	Sulhampst'd Abbots	393
	Mary Ann	8	Burghfield	393
	Stephen	5	Burghfield	393
	William	28	Burghfield	393
BURNETT	John	21	Wokingham	385
CARTER	Isaac	57	Shinfield	383
CHAMBERLIN	James	20	Burghfield	393
CREASE	William	70	Mortimer	379
CRESWELL	Henry	14	Sulhampst'd	393
	John	47	Mortimer	394
	Laura	50	Mortimer	394
CUMMINS	Louisa	13	Tilehurst	391
	Maria	18	Tilehurst	391
	Mercy	11	Tilehurst	391



DAY	James	20	Mortimer	393
	Jane	16	Burghfield	385
	Mary	50	Windsor	389
EDGERTON	George	13	Swallowf'ld	392
	Hannah	42	Shinfield	380
FABRY	Hannah	4	Thatcham	382
	Powers	3	Thatcham	382
FARNHAM	Henry	47	Windsor, Englefield	376
FAULKNER	Elizabeth	16	Swallowf'ld	378
	Hannah	50	Finchamps'd	378

Stratfield Saye (continued)

FULKER	Mary	46	Burghfield	378
	James	38	Mortimer	385
INGLEFIELD				
	Sophia	50	Sulhampst'd	385
LAVINGTON				
	Sarah	59	Shinfield	379
PATEY	Isaac	20	Tilehurst	376
POTTER	Daniel	15	Ufton	385
ROGERS	Emma	46	Swallowf'ld	377
	Robert	19	Swallowf'ld	377
SEWARD	Ann	15	Mortimer	383
	John	49	Ufton	382
SLATER	Eliza	36	Reading	377
SMITH	Benjamin	47	Mortimer	378
	Jane	51	Mortimer	389
	William	52	Mortimer	389
STANIFORD				
	Charles	37	Mortimer	383
	Henry S	22	Mortimer	387
	Sarah	33	Lackhamps'd	383
	William	38	Mortimer	387
SWEETSER	Maria	53	Inkpen	375
THACKAM	Francis	55	Shinfield	377
WELCH	Frances	47	Mortimer	383
WHEELER	Sarah	49	Beech Hill	379
WIX	Thomas	32	Burghfield	378
WOODS	Sarah	73	Mortimer	383
WOOLFORD	Lucy	81	Mortimer	375

WINSLADE

DENNIS	John	49	Lambourn	525
MYLAND	Hariot	54	Beech Hill	525

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Volume 7

CLIDDESDEN

ANDREWS	Elizabeth			
		39	Chilton	496
BOND	Richard	41	Bisham	503
DAY	James	38	Lambourn	496
HARFIELD	Mary Ann	57	Ramsbury	497
HOBBS	Ellen	23	Reading	496
LAMB	Jane	73	Aldermaston	502
MARTIN	Fanny	42	Chalton	500
	Thomas	43	Lambourne	500
PALMER	John	39	Lambourne	496
	John Ald	9	Lambourne	496

FARLEIGH WALLOP

BALDWIN	Eliza	24	Windsor	504

BRADLEY - none

ELLISFIELD

CULLIMORE				
	Emily	13	Peasemore	518
DOE	Francis	25	Blewbury	516
LOWE	Mary	31	Cholsey	517
STRONG	William	2	Winkfield	516

DUMMER

BENETT	Dinah	59	Argeston	535
DRINKWATER				
	William	57	Thatcham	531
FIELD	Ann	76	Swallowf'ld	537
NOTT	George	24	Cookham	532
SMITH	Elizabeth			
		70	Old Windsor	539
WIGG	Christian			
		65	Compton	530

HERRIARD

HERRIOTT	Harriet	34	Lambourne	545
LANELEY	James	19	Grazeley	556
POCOCK	William	18	Abingdon	547
WALL	George	53	Hungerford	545
WILLATS	Stephen	2	Wokingham	554
	Thomas	10m	Wokingham	554

PRESTON CANDOVER

GAMAWAY	John	57	Appleford	563
GARDNER	M	34	Whitley	566
NOTT	Albert	22	Cookham	561

NUTLEY

PERN	F	38	Bracknell	574

WOODMANCOTT - none

POPHAM - none

NORTH WALTHAM

ALEXANDER				
	Amos	71	E Garston	595
FULLER	Joseph	56	Basildon	596
PAYNE	William	30	Maidenhead	599
WILDE	Sarah	50	Brimpton	593
	Sarah	93	Brimpton	593

STEVENTON

COXHEAD	Elizabeth	34	Kintbury	626

Steventon (continued)

MOORE	Hannah	55	Hamsted	628
POPE	Jane	19	Bright-walton	625
POVEY	John	79	unrecorded	628
STRATON	Pheabe	60	Garston	626
STROUD	Richard	80	Newbury	627
TAYLOR	Dennis E	27	Chieveley	625
	Frances	27	Reading	625
	Mary	63	Welford	626
TUCKER	Harriet	63	Argisson	629

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ON MARRIAGE INDEXING

JOHN W BROOKS

In July 1978, I committed myself to the self-imposed task of indexing all the available pre-1837 marriage records for Berkshire. Had I thought about it a little more deeply, and considered what it involved, I would have frightened myself off. Well I started transcribing and now I'm on the home stretch, although I don't recommend anyone starting a similar project - unless they have lots of spare time (it is like a life sentence in prison), plenty of patience and, above all, an understanding wife. However, there are those who may not take my advice, so I would like to say a few words about indexing in general.

First of all, why index just marriages? Why not baptisms and burials? Well for a start, there are far fewer marriages in a given parish's registers than either baptisms or burials. Also (and this is most important) anyone who married had at least reached adulthood, whereas over half of those baptised, died before reaching the age of 5 years. This in turn swelled the number of entries in the burial registers. Interesting though baptisms and burials are to students of sociology and statistics, they are of little use to the average family historian.

I have indexed under the surname of the groom, in strict alphabetical order. I have been asked why I did not index under the bride's name at the same time - but that would have doubled my sentance and work load. I would have to get another 200,000 cards - and also find a place to keep them. Perhaps when I have completed all the records under the present system, a start could be made on bride's surnames. It will take a couple of years at least. I should add that of all the many hundreds of requests I've received asking me for help, I have not had one asking for the groom's name as against the bride's. Nevertheless, it would still be a good idea to have the marriage index under both the brides' and the grooms' surnames.

The surnames are written on the cards exactly as they are entered in the origanal registers. I thought about this for some time, having in mind the famous Boyd's Marriage Index, where the surnames are 'standardised', for example: Hughes,

Yews, Yous, Hooes, Oues, Ewes, etc., all being indexed under HUGHES, but felt it might lead to incorrect interpretation of the original spelling, particularly in an area with a characheristic dialect, like rural Berkshire. I have come across names like Chews and Shoes - are these variations of Hughes too? To avaid any mistakes, I've put a card in front of the Hughes section giving all such variations to check. By this method, I have kept the indexing to the original spelling, but make them easily accessible. If I come across any further variations, I just add to the card.

I divided the whole span of the index into sections of 50 years each, except the first and last ones. This works out to the following groupings: 1800-1837, 1750-1799, 1700-1749, 1650-1699, 1600-1649, and finally 1599 back to whenever the registers began. This is entirely arbitrary and I make no apology for being different from any other marriage index. I have completed the three periods from 1837 (and a few years later in a few parishes) back to 1700 from records available in the BRO, plus a few more which are still with the incumbants. I have also filled in lots of gaps in the registers, from entries in the BTs at Trowbridge. However, it is still not finished. I should say it is about 95% complete and being slowly built up to the ideal 100%.

The sections from 1699 back to Elizabethan times are about one third complete and should be finished in about a years time, say by February 1983. By then, the total number of cards should be around 250,000. Although I've done all the transcribing and indexing myself, it hasn't been an entirely one man job. My thanks go to a number of people who have sent me material, such as stray marriages and those of the Quakers, but especially to Liz Longhurst for obtaining most of the blank cards, and to Arthur Ruffell for getting many copies of the appropriate BTs, which filled in the gaps.

Transcribing has its own rewards, since the reading of the handwriting has become progressively easier (or should I say less difficult). I also have a rough idea of what the various Berkshire brogues sounded like - a great help when sorting out a badly spelt surname or place name.

I have gained a good insight into the marriage mores of Berkshire people. As a rule of thumb, it is said that a marriage usually took place in the bride's church if the happy couple were of different parishes, but this is not strictly true. A large number took place in the groom's church. If our hypothetical couple were of the same parish, they could just as easily have got married a long way from home as in their own parish, often in a different county. There seems to be no set pattern, and this causes lots of problems in tracing them. However, this is where a marriage index comes into its own!

During the Civil War period (1650-1660), many incumbants were eased out of their livings and replaced by a registrar (the banns, such as they were, being announced in the local market place by the Mayor or Constable). Contrary to what the history books may tell us, these civil registrars often did a better job than the previous vicars - see the Newbury registers for this period! However, some couples obviously did not feel properly married by the registrar, so they had another marriage service, at a church which still had a vicar, often on the same day. The churches which retained their incumbants were very popular for this reason. Hurst was such a church. This custom of double marriages was detected during the indexing.

Another popular myth is that families stayed in one parish generation after generation. This is far from the case. Our ancestors moved around a good deal more than we give them credit for, in spite of the Settlement Laws. Usually the oldest son stayed in his home parish, because he took over his father's holding, but most, if not all, the other children moved out, often to very distant places. Movement in Berkshire was largely confined to an east-west axis. It was not unusual for people in say Newbury, to marry at some other place along the Bath Road (or Bristol Road as it was then called), but very seldom in places to the north, like Faringdon or Abingdon. Of course, a few did move in a northerly direction, but they were less than 10% of the total. Some moved as far east as London, others went west as far as Bristol. This east-west movement is quite obvious since the communications in the county lie in that general direction (roads, canals and rivers). Many grooms in towns like Abingdon and Wallingford found brides in other places on the Thames, especially if they were bargemen or river workers, a point worth keeping in mind when looking for that elusive marriage. My 5,500 Berkshire stray marriages illustrate this very well. As a matter of interest, the axis of movement in Hampshire is north-south - for the same reason - although that county's movement is not so marked as Berkshire's. This has some bearing on Berkshire marriages since lots of people from, say, Newbury, found their spouses in Hampshire towns such as Basingstoke or Andover, or one of the surrounding parishes.

These guidelines were established by following certain families with uncommon surnames over a period of 250 years, a very interesting exercise. Often it is impossible to find a marriage, even though the couple concerned were baptised, had children, and died in Berkshire. There are a number of possible reasons for this:

1 they did not get married, but merely lived together in Common Law wedlock;
2 their marriage was not recorded in the register when it took place - the parish clerk slipped up;
3 they married outside Berkshire, thereby becoming

Berkshire strays;

4 they were Quakers or, very rarely, of the Jewish faith;

5 the register, for the period of the marriage, was partially or wholly destroyed;

6 they were strict nonconformists (other than Quakers or Jews) and the marriage was by popular acclaim of their fellow nonconformists;

7 that due to the often difficult writing or spelling, the searcher has missed it, which is easily done if the searcher is inexperienced;

8 that I missed it during transcription and therefore it is not in the index;

there may be other reasons but I cannot think of any more at the moment.

To date I have about 5,500 stray marriages for Berkshire people, covering all periods up to 1837. This is probably only a very small proportion of the true number, because not all couples said where they came from, or the place was not recorded by the vicar or parish clerk. Just how many marriages went unrecorded? Various estimates have been made using varying data, and of course these estimates vary with the period. In the whole period from 1538 to 1837, I should think that roughly 8% to 10% went unrecorded between 1538 and 1660; after that, my estimate drops to about 5% until 1754, after which it settles at 4%. I emphasise that these are inspired guesses, but they give some idea of the situation. To get things into perspective, it has been said that between 1838 and 1900, the marriages in St Catherine's House are under-recorded by just less than 3%, in respect of the indexes on the shelves in the search room.

One last point I would like to mention is that of cousin marriage. Missing out the commonest names like Smith, Jones etc., a count can be made of same-name marriages, and then a check be made on their parents to see if they were first or second cousins (not that this really matters). The number is surprisingly high - about 2½%. But then a check must be made of cousin marriages not of the same name. I have done this by sampling where there are reasonable transcripts (for Cookham, Bray, Hurley and Thatcham), finding that the number of cousin marriages involving different surnames is slightly higher than the number between cousins with the same surname. It is about 4½%, which is to be expected. So, overall, cousin marriages (in spite of the consanguinary ruling) was around 6% to 7%.

What does this mean? It means that if Berkshire was an island in the middle of a large ocean, with no one leaving or entering, and had been like that since the year 1200 AD, then all of its inhabitants today would be related to each other. But of course, they are not . . .

Another illustration should make this clearer. Pitcairn Island, in the Pacific, which was settled by Fletcher Christian, the Bounty mutineers, and their Polynesian wives, now has a population which is completely interrelated by marriage. Since Christian was related to King Edward the First, all the inhabitants of Pitcairn are related to our Queen. And it wasn't settled until 1790!

This, of course, leads to the question asked by Mr Moss in the Secretary's report in the last magazine. How is it that we have so many forebears? As was pointed out, it's cousin marriages which do the trick, or rather account for most of it. If first cousins marry, then the number of grandparents is immediately halved, since the couple share them. Repeat this procedure a few times and the number of forebears is decreased dramatically. If we go back far enough, we find we are all very nearly related, similar to that theoretical Berkshire island. It needs approximately 8% to 9% cousin marriage over thirty generations to bring that tremendous theoretical figure down to about a couple of million. The apparent discrepancy between my own estimate of 6% cousin marriage and the theoretical 8½%, is taken up by waves of immigrants to our shores, who intermarried with us. These immigrants did not have to come in large numbers to make a big difference - provided that they stayed married and bred.

It was that great genealogist, Horace Round, who said that three quarters of the English people living (in 1900) were related to Edward the First. Whether that was strictly accurate or not, it is a fact that many people will find that they have a tiny drop of Royal blood in their veins, rather like the Pitcairn Islanders.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Liz Longhurst

Interest in the Society continues to grow, and so does the number of enquiries. Since becoming secretary, I have always answered preliminary enquiries, even when they did not cover postal costs. I used to point out this deficiency (when applicable) and those joining, and also some of those not doing so, would refund the postage. However, this still left a large number who did not. Early in December last year, one lady wrote " . . . genealogy is a subject close to my heart . . . ", but she failed to send a stamped addressed envelope, or to defray our postal costs in any way at all! I felt that enough was enough! I now only reply to those enquirers considerate enough to cover postal expenses, preferably in the form of a sae, or two international reply coupons in the case of overseas enquiries. Our annual subscription only covers basic printing and postage costs of the magazine, our scheduled meetings and some administrative expenses.

However, I must make a general apology to anyone who wrote to me last Autumn with sae but who didn't receive a reply. For two or three months a lot of our mail seemed to go missing; at Christmas, we were informed

a postman had been successfully prosecuted for tampering with the mail.

My appeal for notice of 'dilute relations' contacted through the BFHS has produced Janet Field (no 126) and Ron Girdler (136) who have common ancestors from Bosham, West Sussex, in Henry and Ann **MALE** (born 1790s). David **WIGMORE**, a Bucklebury woodman (1781-1877), and his wife Mary Ann, are the common ancestors of Miss M A Pratt (203) and Ms C Howard (462). I hope that my mentioning these will be an encouragement to others to continue with their searches. Our forthcoming members' interests booklet should be of great help here. Happy hunting!

Liz

Reciprocal research

423 Mr D A Shaw
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works with computers as a shift leader. His interests are mainly in Cornwall, Dorset and Hampshire. He is prepared to research reciprocally in Hampshire and Berkshire ROs and in the main repositories in London.

466 Mrs Peggy Feltmate
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a freelance writer would be pleased to help reciprocally, working in the Ontario archives in Toronto. She can look up information in various handbooks she has and will be glad to announce queries at the monthly meetings of the Ontario Genealogical Society. Her own interests are in London, Wiltshire, Norfolk and in Berkshire: PEAPELL, SNUGGS Windsor in the nineteenth century.

545 Mr J &
Mrs M J Corbett
42 Monkswood Close
Newbury Berks

have been researching for two years, mainly in Worcester. They are prepared to do reciprocal research in Worcester. Mr Corbett is an export marketing manager.

555 Miss Susan L Wood
8 Eringden
Tamworth Staffs
B77 4DB

a bank clerk, is willing to research reciprocally in Tamworth and Lichfield. Her ancestors, mainly from Avington and Kintbury, are:
BOWSHER, BRAYTON, GODDARD and WOOLRIDGE.

556 Mrs Elizabeth Briggs
51 Wadham Bay
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Manitoba R3T 3K2
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a teacher, is interested in the local history of all places in which her ancestors lived. She is the corresponding secretary for the Manitoba Genealogical Society. Names include: CHILD(S), Ashampstead and Lambourn; HEMMING, JEFFREY and PUSEY from Lambourn; PUSEY is from East Lockinge as well. She will research reciprocally in Winnipeg and Manitoba.

General

507 Mr R B L Smith
Westbury
Coombeshead Road
Newton Abbott
Devon TQ12 1PY

a computer sales analyst has been searching for about two years. His original information about Richard MATHEWS came from a letter written in 1926 to his grandmother. Richard was buried 1802 in Thatcham aged 32. Where was he maptised? Not in Thatcham, apparently. His wife was Jane DIBBEN. She was a Thatcham girl - where did her ancestors come from? Help please.

517 Mr G P S Mather
18 Ravenswood Avenue
Crowthorne
Berkshire

an electronics engineer, has C19 ancestors from Lnd, Dby and Som. He has copies of the Mormon lists for MATHER, SIMS and BANCROFT (Dby) and will be happy to let any others interested see these.

527 Mr J M Warren
7 Allcroft Road
Reading Berks

has been researching for some time now and he has many interests, especially in S W Wls and N Lin.

539 Mr R E Geater
75 The Greenway
Epsom
Surrey
KT18 7HY

a retired civil servant has been engaged on family research - his own name - for some 2 years. He has traced them to early C19 in Newbury. There is a family of GEATERs in Kintbury - no connection found yet - help please!

540 Mrs S R Drake
97 Edwin Road
Didcot OX11 8LQ

has been searching for fifteen years and has many lines traced back to the middle of the eighteenth century.

543 Miss D V M Kemp
43 Kent Gardens
Ealing
London W13 8BU

has interests from Ssx, Ken, Lnd, the W country and Brk - in Windsor. She writes, "My gt-grandparent, Francis KEGGAN and Jane ALDERTON were married in New Windsor parish church, but as he was a soldier I do not know from whence he came. I suppose she was a local girl . . . She was a farmer's daughter. When Francis left the army, he (Keggan) had a little shop in Windsor and died there in 1900 aged 68". Help with their forebears please.

544 Mr R G W Maynard
202 Reading Road
Wokingham RG11 1LH

a personnel manager, is tracing his own family with branches in Chiswick and Lambeth back to 1800 and in Portsea abck to 1750. Help please!

547 Mr J B Goring
19 Sewell Avenue
Wokingham
RG11 1NT

a company director, has been researching for some 3 years and has a complete list of GORING births and marriages from St Catherine's. His ancestors came from Ssx and Ham mainly. He is specially interested in the parish of Worth in Sussex.

548 Mr M J Barefoot
Holwood Shire Lane
Chorleywood Herts WD3 5NR

a geologist, has just started researching and is interested in his name, especially pre-1750 in the Thames Valley.

549 Mr J D Barnes
19 Avon Crescent
Stratford-upon-Avon
Warwicks CV37 7EX

a chartered surveyor, is interested in plough making mid C17 and in the parishes of Streatley and Southridge. Any references to DENLEY welcome, especially the baptism of James c 1650.

557 Mr S C H Booty
2 Monica Court
Lewin Road
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London
SW16 6JS

has been researching off and on for almost forty years. He has made a good collection of BOOTYs, countrywide especially in E Anglia and Lnd. The THOROUGHGOODs, from Bray in C19, originally came from E Anglia - and he has no idea why they turned up in Bray! Help please.

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