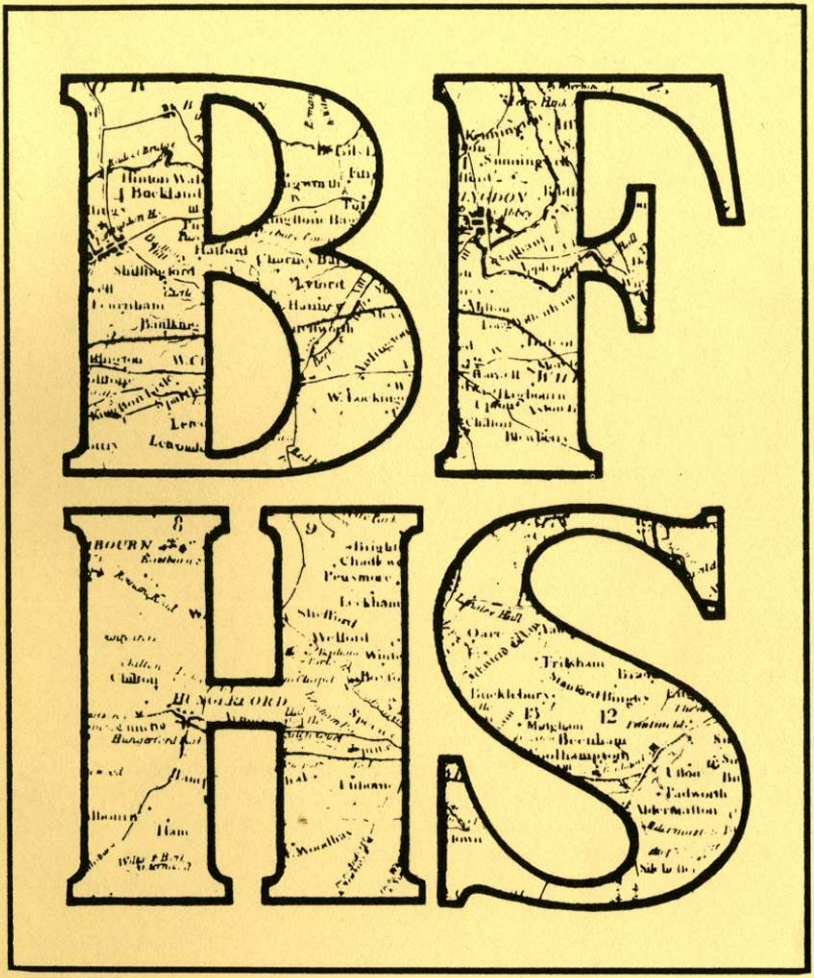



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## Programmes for the start of the 1988-1989 Season

**Newbury Branch**
Chairman: Colin Skipper, Honey Bottom Cottage, Honey Bottom,
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Meetings are held at 7.15 pm on the second Monday of each month, in the new Scout Hall, West Street, Newbury.
Plus third Mondays at 8.00pm at the "Catherine Wheel", Market Place

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| 12 Sept | Bishops' Deposition Papers | Joan Dils |
| 10 Oct | Merchant Seamen | Marjorie Moore |

**Reading Branch**
Chairman: Chad Hanna, Stoneycroft, 161 St Peter's Road,
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Meetings, normally held on the last Friday of the month
**7.00 for 7.45** at the
Park United Reform Church Hall, Wokingham Road, Reading

29 July Monumental Inscription recording session
30 Sept Probate Records
Anthony J Camp, Director of Society of Genealogists
28 Oct A Day in the Life of an Enumerator
Michael J Sheppard assisted by Jean Coles
Sat 5 Nov Branch Open Day : 9 am to 5 pm :
Church House, Easthampstead Road, Wokingham
18 Nov Burial Customs
Julian W S Litten, Curator in Administration
Victoria And Albert Museum
9 Dec Christmas Evening

**Slough Branch**
Chairman: Connie Marshall, 1 Prestwood, Slough, SL2 5TX
tel Slough 26792

Monthly Meetings, normally held on the last Tuesdays of each month at 7.45 at St Andrew's Church Hall, The Grove, Slough.

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| 27 Sept | 4 Speak Out | |
| 25 Oct | Defenders of Rorke's Drift, 1879 | Revd Derek West |
| 29 Nov | Inns and Ale Houses | Mrs Judith Hunter |
| 13 Dec | Christmas Party | |



An aerial photograph of Pangbourne taken c1970s

## Down at the Old Bull and Bush

Joan Vinall (1028)

In the Mortimer house of my husband's father, Mr Albert Vinall, there is a painting of the Bull and Bush. Across the front of the building a painted sign proclaims: "Fred. Vinall, late of the Adelaide". Father assures me that it really is the Bull and Bush of the old Edwardian song, great grandfather Fred had been landlord at that time and his son, grandfather William, was also an innkeeper. My father-in-law was born in 1901 at the Moon and Seven Stars, in Royal Mint street, close by the Tower of London, which makes him a genuine cockney. The family soon moved to the William IV in Golden Lane. Grandfather William, born at the Adelaide in 1866, died at the early age of 45; it seems he had a few drinks too many!

So, Albert, the youngest of William's six children, came to spend time at the Old Bull and Bush while his grandfather Fred was still landlord, sleeping in a hayloft over the stables with his brother Harry. Fred was a man of great character and style, and closely resembled the Prince of Wales in appearance. Fred can be seen in the postcards of the day, standing proudly amongst the crowds outside his "house". There was a kind of covered stage in the garden and many entertainments were provided - music, dancing, even boxing. The Bull and Bush was the mecca of the crowds who came down on Sundays in the newly opened "tube" in 1907 to enjoy the special menu, or "2/- ordinary". Soups, fish, poultry, joints, sweets, vegetables, cheese and celery, roll and butter; small and large parties catered for. Dinners and teas, terrace and gardens, billiards and much more pandered to the Londoners' growing taste for "holidays".

Fred was born in 1845 in the Adelaide in Chalk Farm, where his father was "mine host". He was said to have run away to marry at 15 but there is no evidence of this, though he has two marriage certificates, the bride in both cases being Ann Jane Tilbury. One is dated July 1865, in a register office, describing the parties as aged 21 and 19, the other is dated September 1865 at St Marylebone Parish Church, where they are described as "of full age" and "minor". I do not have any explanation for this.

Fred and Jane had two children, William and Lily. (There is a story that Fred's daughter Lily, after a quarrel with her husband, who was serving in the navy, shouted after him as he left, "I hope the boat sinks". Unfortunately, it did!) Jane was to die at 45 and Fred married, in later life, a Belgian lady, Antoinette, who kept a restaurant. Antoinette was known in the family as Madame.

Fred tired of the atmosphere of the Bull and Bush and after the 1914-18 war, settled in Nice, France, for health reasons. He appointed an old friend and business associate, Fred Parsons (Mayor of St Pancras, 1918-19) , as landlord in his absence abroad. Fred Parsons was married to a lady who, we are told, had earned her living by the world's oldest profession and who, on his death in 1930, had him "laid out" on the bar of the Old Bull and Bush complete with candles and flowers. My father-in-law went with his mother (nee Alice Tigwell from Ufton, Berkshire) to pay their respects, she was not amused.

Fred died in Nice in 1933 in his 89th year. Antoinette was later put into a concentration camp where she is thought to have died. We believe this is where the Vinall money went, into the coffers of the Third Reich.

Fred's father, William, born 1820, kept the Adelaide Hotel in NW3. Unfortunately it was pulled down three years ago and I have not found a picture of it. This William had much to bequeath when he died in 1879 including livery stables and £20,000, a lot of money for those times. William had married Georgiana Downing in 1842. They had six children, William Thomas Noakes, Arthur Walter, Susan Adelaide Isabella (was Adelaide for the Hotel?), Frederick John and Henry, who may have died in infancy.

William's father, alas for me another William, born c1788 in Sussex, was also an innkeeper, at the Cadogan Hotel, 74-5 Sloane Street, Chelsea, from about 1819 until his death at 50 in 1839. The "informant" on his death certificate is Mary Ann Davis, present at death. According to the 1841 census, Mary Ann Davis's occupation is hotel servant. William's wife, Susanna, carried on as landlord and we have a picture of her in a large crinoline, looking more than capable. William and Susan had two sons, Frederick and William, and a daughter Selina who died in infancy.

Susan was born Susanna Noakes, the second of six children, to John and Marcy(/Mercy) in 1790 at Wartling, Sussex. The parish registers show the baptism of a William, son of William and Sarah Vinall in 1788 but the marriage of William and Susan eludes me.

Incidentally, this research reveals the tradition of the christian name William in seven generations of Vinalls. In "Surnames of the United Kingdom", H Harrison, 1912, Vinall is given as belonging to Vynehall, Sussex. It appears in quarter session and assize records and in the 1662 Visitation of Sussex, where John Vinall of Kingston is awarded arms and a crest. Other sources include such variant spellings as Vinal, Vynall, Vinoll, Fynall, Finall, Vinaulde and so on. There is still much to be found: I have enjoyed a visit to Wartling; any help from distant relatives reading this will be received with interest and co-operation.

## NEWBURY'S MONTHLY MEETINGS

reviewed for the magazine by Jenny Weaver

### The Huguenots - Jean Tsushima

Mrs Jean Tsushima, who is editor of the Huguenot Gazette, Archivist and Historian, enthused on her knowledge of the Huguenots. She not only wetted the appetites of those who have been fortunate enough to reach back as far as the sixteenth century, but also gave encouragement to those who have a "long way to go".

The Huguenots were French Protestants who fled to England and the continent in the 1560s where their religion was tolerated. These Huguenots (and Walloons) were mainly craftsmen, namely weavers (who sailed to, and settled in, the weaving centres of the West Country), gold- and silversmiths, clock and watchmakers, jewellers, engravers and tapestry weavers, who made their way to the Soho area of London and the silkweavers to Spitalfields. Once the barriers of language and unfamiliarity faded away, most Huguenots melted into the English background, although those who settled in the Spitalfields area kept to themselves a little longer and founded their own church.
Jean warned us therefore that while some genealogists may not have even considered their name to be derived from the Huguenots, names such as Boyes, Buckeye, Pillow and Lugs, in fact originated from the French settling in the East End of London, whereas French sounding names such as de Havilland, les Messier and Cabot were actually from the Channel Islands and therefore regarded as English names. Montgomery, Faber, Sulley, Valey, Sinclair, and so on are common English Middle Ages names. The important thing is not to jump to conclusions.

Eventually these settlers applied for naturalisation, or denisation depending on the size of their pockets, and copies of these lists can be found at Reading University's Central Library, the Society of Genealogists' Walloon Lists in London and at University College, London, WC1B 6BT. Another good check list is the List of Aliens at the Public Record Office.

Naturalisation list do not only cover Huguenots and Aliens. Prior to about 1800, an Ambassador of the Court whose children (and the children of his entourage) were born abroad were not considered to be English and would therefore have to apply for naturalisation on their return to this country. This was particularly important with regard to any inheritance!

JW

## Education and the Family Historian - Carl Boardman

Carl Boardman, of the Oxford FHS and Archivist at the Oxford County Record Office gave an enlightening talk which open up another good avenue to the finding out of names, dates, etc - School Records. One fine example, although only a selected few of us will be able to take advantage, is King Edward's School in Birmingham. After the Foundation Charter Act of the mid-sixteenth century, this school was founded for the benefit of the sons of people from all walks of life, although in actual fact the first scholars came from among the relations of the Governors who had set up the foundation in the first place. The records, which Carl has incidentally worked on, can still be found at the school. They include pupil lists, which also give the names of parents and their occupations, and many more records connected with the school.

If you think that you may be able to find information about your own ancestors through the schools they may have attended, it is doubtful if you will still find the records at the schools themselves, information is much more likely to be found in the Local Record Office. However, you may be lucky and find that the present head of an History Department has actually salvaged some of the records.

JW

## Computers for the Family Historian - Paul Bryant

Paul Bryant took us right into the 21st century with computers in our quest for family history. For those of us lucky enough to own a family computer, Paul showed us ways of putting it to good use. All you need in addition to the computer are a disc storage system and a printer.

Firstly using the computer as a word processor; it is a great asset in letter writing as letters can be amended, corrected, printed and re-used at will, also spelling can be checked and a great deal of time and trouble saved.

Record Keeping - the usual bits of paper and card indexes are ideal - until the tree starts to grow! The computer will help in the task of sorting out names, dates and areas. It will therefore be possible to select a person, retrieve their pedigree chart and family group, select just males or females, children in order of their births, etc, assuming of course that you have thought and planned ahead and have keyed in all the right information!

JW

# A BERKSHIRE STRAY IN KENT

submitted by Elizabeth de Bourbel

"Sacred to the memory of Mrs Mary Sloper, wife of the Rev. Geo. Sloper, Rector of West Woodhay, Berkshire, who died at Boulogne sur Mer the 18th November 1841. Aged 64 years. Deeply regretted by her Family and all who knew her . . . "

The headstone of grave 16 in plot 4 stands against the knapped-flint wall, adjacent to the memorials raised to the memory of other distinguished strays - seafarers and wayfarers. St Mary's New Burial Ground (now Cowgate Cemetery), consecrated in the 1830s, lies upon rising ground behind Dover Harbour. Mrs Sloper was interred there seven days after demise on the other side of the English Channel.

Her husband's family owned the handsome estate of West Woodhay, near Newbury in Berkshire, between 1710 and 1880. The parish church, close by the mansion attributed to a pupil of Inigo Jones, had been largely rebuilt in Baroque style by the Slopers, and the living normally given to a younger son. It might be supposed that the Reverend George would have liked his Mary to lie amongst connections and parishioners: in effect, unlike other strays, she was not really buried amongst strangers - she had family to gather round her grave. The inscription upon the tall sandstone tablet continues:

> " . . . Also Amelia, daughter of the above and wife of Talbot Ritherden (major in H M Indian Army and late of the Bombay Artillery) who died at Dover November 13th 1860 aged 59 years."

The Ritherdens are interred in an adjacent grave under a now defaced headstone.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Mr Ison,

**Readers' Queries**

I'm afraid I do not think Mrs Lobb's letter to the BFHS Magazine is good enough! (Volume 11 no 3). I was one of the eleven people who wrote to her about the Blowing Stone. Not a word of thanks, not a single IRC was sent. I wrote to her twice, first to say the problem could be solved by Folklore references and I would ask a distinguished Folklorist of stone sites where it was (which he did know - this was two x 18p stamps). I then found I had a book which had both maps of the area and a photograph of the Blowing Stone. I sent her eight or nine photocopies, this cost 78p airmail. I also gave her the name of a friend of mine who runs the LOBB Family Society in Cornwall.

Not a word of thanks.

The Federation is always putting out pleas - that people should reply and thank others for writing to them, and enclosing a stamp. I have done this many times to people who have sent me quite useless advice and information (not having read the query correctly). One grits one's teeth, but they have taken the trouble and spent the money, so one does it.

Why does Mrs Lobb think it is too much effort to write eleven thank-you letters? She has had over two months.

I am really disgusted, and will never bother again with readers' queries.

Yours sincerely,

Jean Tsushima (no 78)

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Dear Editor,

**The Soundy Family**

I have just finished reading the 1985/6 magazine regarding the tombstones in the churchyards of Reading in 1797 and I thought that you might be interested in a belated follow up. I know that editors sometimes wonder if anything they put in the magazine is of

any interest to people.

The name I was interested in was SOUNDY. Page 156 shows Wm SOUNDY late of Battle Farm who died in 1795. My branch of the family were originally from Sonning. William married Judica Payne, and their son William married Mary Soundy (possible a cousin). William died in Sonning but was buried in Reading. This couple had nine children, one of whom was another William, born in Sonning in 1671 but when he died in 1740 was of Battey/Battle Farm. They are buried in "Reading New Ground".

William and Jane had eight children. One son, William, took over the farm, and when he died in 1779 the term Battey was replaced with Battle. I would assume that this Wm who died in 1795 was his son. My own family was from another brother, Benjamin, who went to London, and died in 1757 in East Wapping. These people were of the Quaker religion, and all the information I have on the family was supplied by the Society of Friends in London. In the will of William Soundy of 1725 it mentions property that looks like Radithes, and Cromhos, but I have not been able to find this in Angela Perkins' book on Sonning.

I thank you for the tombstone information, it is just the answer for those of us overseas.

Yours truly,
Mrs Pamela Shields

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Dear Editor,

**John Lansdell Knight**

I have been researching my late husband's family tree for some three years now and although I have amassed a lot of information and managed quite a sizeable family record, I have been totally unable to convert the information I have gleaned on John Lansdell Knight of Halstead, Kent, and Thatcham, Berkshire, and am wondering if any of your readers could help me out? (I shall be pleased to offer reciprocal research at Folkstone or Hythe of course.)

John was buried at Thatcham 4th July 1730, aged 75 - this was taken from a stone in the floor of Chamberhouse Chapel which has now gone. I gleaned this from the Society's Transcripts of tombstones

but I can find no births, deaths or marriages in the Berkshire records which is somewhat baffling. I know that he moved from Halstead to Thatcham and his son John is buried there, 13 October, 1776, aged 81, as is his second son Christopstom, 22nd October, 1771, aged 73.

I know too that John Lansdell Knight was the son of John a citizen of London and a goldsmith, and that John the father was the son of a vintner in London.

Does anyone know where the records of Chamberhouse Manor are kept? I have tried Reading library but they could not help. I am not able to get to London very often now and rely on friends to look things up for me from time to time - but I am hoping that someone researching the family in Berkshire may be able to help. Thanking you in anticipation of any assistance that you can give me.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Lansdell (Mrs, widow of Hector/Harry)

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Victoria and Albert Museum
South Kensington, London, SW7 2RL

Dear Editor,

**Whitshed Keene, 1731-1822, Hawthorn Hill**

I am a post-graduate student based at the V&A Museum, and am trying to contact anyone with an interest in or knowledge of the above.

My work concerns the partnership of John Parker and Edward Wakelin, goldsmiths, who had a shop in Panton Street, just off the Haymarket between 1760 and 1776. I have been studying some of their accounts which have survived. There are volumes that list the clients, what they bought, when, how much for and when they paid the business. I am interested in finding out about the backgrounds of these clients, concentrating on the years 1766-1770, that is, who they were, how they were related to each other, where they lived and how much money they had. During the summer I visited over thirty record offices in pursuit of accounts, bank books, bills, letters, diaries and drawings.

I would be willing to exchange any information. It is always exciting to share one's knowledge. I do hope that one of your readers will be able to help me.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Clifford (Miss)

# CIPPENHAM SCHOOL IN 1929

Sid Blackmun

Going through my old records recently I found an article sent to me some years ago by Mrs Iris Browne of Lydbrook, Glos., when I was doing some Cippenham research for her, and for which she, in return, did an enormous amount of HILL searching for me in the Gloucestershire Record Office.

The article appears to have been taken from the "Church Monthly" and details the distribution of prizes at Cippenham School on Wednesday, 26th June, 1929.

After a short programme of songs and recitations the prizes were distributed by Mrs ROWE. Attention was drawn to the highly creditable record of attendances at the school, there having been, among others, two perfect attendances for five, six and eight years, while Henry BURFOOT headed the list with nine years perfect attendance.

The Vicar concluded the prize-giving by making a parting presentation to Mrs BULL who had been headmistress for ten and a half years and had done great things for the school during that time. Mrs BULL responded by saying that she had had many happy years at Cippenham and thanked the staff for all their help.

**Cippenham School Prize List - June 1929**

Standard VII - 1 Winifred GRAY;
2 Charles TILBEY, John STANBOROUGH
Standard VI - 1 Gwennie EVANS; 2 Victor CHILTON
Standard V - 1 William BENNETT; 2 Olive DUFFIN
Standard IV - 1 Roy RUSHER; 2 Ethel LACEY
Standard III - 1 Mary BENNETT; 2 Arthur DEAN
Standard II - 1 Alma DEAN; 2 Peggy James
Standard I - 1 Norman RUSHER; 2 Dora BUTFIELD

Infants:
Class I - 1 Iris TOWNSEND; 2 Philip HILL
Class II - 1 Gordon SMITH; 2 Muriel COX

Extra prizes were given by Mrs WHITWORTH, Miss HEADINGTON, Mrs LUND and the Head Teacher for the most progress during the year:

Standard VII - Dorothy HILL
Standard VI - Edith HAWKINS, Richard BURFOOT
Standard V - Peter SOPER, Annie SOUTHERN
Standard IV - Ivy HAWKINS, Stanley BULL
Standard III - Arthur FLAXMAN, Eva HOWELL
Standard II - Derek WHEELER
Standard I - Gladys BRYANT
Infants - 1 Gladys WINGROVE, 2 Marie BARNES

Prize kindly given by Rev J S D HUGHES for the best reader under eleven years - Daphne JAMES

Needlework prizes given by Mrs BARNET - Eileen WEBB, Phyllis CLIFFORD, Dorothy ROLFE, Doris WISE, Ethel HILL

Teachers monitors prizes:
National Savings - Herbert BRYANT, Charles TILBEY
Class Room - Henry BURFOOT, Charles TILBEY, John STANBOROUGH, Ada BURFOOT

Popular Prize, kindly given by Mrs GREGORY -
1 Winnie GRAY, 2 Jack HILL

Attendance Certificates and Seals:
1 year - Ivy HAWKINS, Ellen BURFOOT, Philip WEBB, Philip HILL
2 years - Edith HAWKINS, Ethel LACEY, Victor CHILTON
4 years - John STANBOROUGH, Kathleen POOLE, Roy RUSHER, H BRYANT
5 years - Ada BURFOOT, Kathleen YATES
6 years - Albert POOLE, Albert WOODLEY
8 years - Annie POOLE, Jack HILL
9 years - Henry BURFOOT

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Mrs BROWN is shown in the list as Iris TOWNSEND in the class 1 infants prize list. Although I have long since lost touch with them, all the HILLs mentioned, and all of those who went to the school but did not get prizes, are relations of mine, as are the BURFOOTs and HAWKINS more distantly. If any of them, or their descendants care to contact me, I am sure I can provide them with a tree to our HILL roots in Gloucestershire before 1800

(Sid Blackmun, 5 Wessex Gardens, Twyford, Reading, RG10 0BA, will be pleased to hear from interested readers but requests that they please include a stamped addressed envelope.)

**Will and Inventory of James Absolon, Winkfield, 1727** (partial transcripts only for space reasons)

In the Name of God Amen I James Absolon of the Parish of Winkfield in the County of Berks Yeoman being of sound and perfect minde and memory praised be Almighty God for the same Doe make this my last will and and Testament in manner and forme following And first and principally my soul I Recommend into the Hands of Almighty God my Creator Trusting thro' the meritts and mediac(i)on of Jesus Christ my Blessed Savour and Redeemer to receive a full pardon of all my Sinns And my Body I Commit to the Earth in hopes of a Joyfull Resurrecc(i)on therein to be decently Buried att the discretion of my Executrix and Executors herein after named And as to the Settleing my Temporall Estate I Give Devise and Bequeath thereof in manner following; vi(delice)t I Give and Devise all my Lands Tenements and Hereditaments whatsoever lying in the Parish of Winkfield aforesaid or else where that I shall dye Seized or possessed of unto my Loveing Wife Sarah Absolon for and Dureing the Terme of her naturall Life and after her Decease Then to my Friends John Clarke and Henry Bowyer both of Winkfield aforesaid and their Heires and Assignes unto the Seu(er)all uses and upon and under the seu(er)all Trusts herein after menc(i)oned and declared concerning the same (that is to say) in Trust for my Sonn John Absolon for and dureing the Terme of his naturall Life or untill such time as my said Sonn John Absolon shall have the perfect use of his Sences (which if it shall please God Almighty it should Soe happen) Then in Trust for my said Sonn John Absolon and his Heires and Assignes for ever And after the Decease of my said Sonn John Absolon in case he should not recover his Sences Then I Give and Devise the same Lands Tenements Hereditaments and p(re)misses unto any Child or Children that hereafter shall be Born of the Body of my said Wife Sarah by me begotten or to be begotten And the Heires and Assignes of such Child or Children for ever; And for want of Such after born Issue I Give and Devise the same unto my Kinsman and Landlord Thomas Attlee and to his Heires and Assignes for ever. And as for my Goods Chattles and personall /Estate I Give and Bequeath the same alsoe as followeth (that is to say) I Give (and) Bequeath the Intrest of all moneys due to me on Bonds Mortgages and other Securytyes and all other Securityes and all my Stock Goods and Chatles unto my said Wife Sarah Absolon for and during the Terme of her naturall Life, On Condic(i)on she shall Soe Long keep my said Sonn John Absolon in Such manner as my said Friends John Clarke and Henry Bowyer or their Heires shall Advise and thinke fitt and convenient But if my said Wife Sarah could or should not keep and maintaine my Said Sonn John Absolon in Such manner as they my said Friends John Clarke and Henry Bowyer shall Advise and thinke fitt and convenient Then I

A True and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the Goods Chatels and personall Estate of James Absolon late of the Parish of Winkfield in the County of Berks Yeoman who departed thuis Life the First day of September instant vallued and uppraised by John Aldridge and John Attlee both of the Parish of Sunninghill in the said County Yeomen this this Seventh day of September 1727.

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| Item in the Chamber Over the Parler One Feather Bed Two Flock Beds One Feather Bolster Two Feather Pillows One Blankett One Quilt And One Coverlid A Bedstead Curtaines and Vallsans | 04 12 06 |
| Item One Table One Court Cupboard Fire Shovell Tongs and fire irons a pair of Andirons with Brass Faces Some Earthen Ware and Six Chaires | 00 14 06 |
| Item in another Chamber Six Bushell of Wheat Four Chests Two Boxes Three Basketts Four G--es and A Casting Shovell and Some Beans | 02 08 06 |
| Item in the Chamber Over the Hall One Feather Bed and Pillow One Flock Bed and Bolster Foar Blanketts One Covelid One Bedstead and Curtaines | 02 02 00 |
| Item Three Chests Two Trunks and Four Boxes | 01 00 00 |
| Item in A Back Chamber Some Oates and Barle a Bedstead a halfe Bushell measure Some Wooden Ware and Old Lumber | 03 00 00 |
| Item Some Old Iron and Lumber | 00 12 06 |
| Item Linnen Fifteen pair of Sheets Six Table Cloths Two dozen and Threee Napkins Three pair of Pillowbers and Six Towells | 05 15 00 |
| Item A Clock and Case | 02 15 00 |
| Item A Pillion and Old Lumber | 00 07 06 |
| Item in the Parlor Two Flock Beds and Two Bedsteads Two Tables One Court Cupboard One Forme and Three Chaires | 01 18 00 |
| Item in the Drinke House Nine Drink Tubbs and A warming pann | 01 02 00 |
| Item in the Kitchen One Jack Four Spitts One Dripping pann One Fire Dogg Two Andirons Fire Shovell Tongs a Box Iron and Three padd(es) | 01 01 08 |
| Item a Bacon Rack and Bacon | 01 10 00 |
| Item A pair of Bellows a Salt Box a Cann and a pair of Stilliers | 00 11 06 |
| Item Twenty Three Pewter Dishes Twelve plates Two Timberds Two Peringers Two Salts and One Candlestick | 02 15 06 |
| Item Three Pottangr Potts Two Brass Kitles Two Skilletts Two Gridirons One Skimmer One Beefe Fork and Some other utencills of Household stuffe | 02 03 00 |
| Item One Cubboard Two Tables Eight Chaires One Block one Forme | 01 00 00 |

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Dear Editor,

**E E Thoyts and Meales Church of Sulhamstead**

I was very interested to see the first instalment of Miss Thoyts' Book of the Parishioners of Sulhamstead in the last magazine. Emma Elizabeth THOYTS (later Mrs John Hautenville COPE) was my great great great grandfather's 6th cousin. She was the daughter of William R M THOYTS, the Lord of the Manor of Sulhamstead.

Charles MAY the brother of my ancestor Thomas, was the Mayor of Basingstoke and bought the Manor of Sulhamstead in 1711. Sulhamstead House, where Emma grew up, was built by his son Daniel in 1745. She was a direct descendant of Daniel's sister Jane.

During her twenties, Emma became an eminent local historian and genealogist, and her manuscript works in the Reading Local History Library are a treasure chest of information for those researching in Sulhamstead and the surrounding parishes. Many readers may know of her disgust at Mr Phillimore's handling of her parish register transcripts, hence the lack of Berkshire volumes in his marriage register series. Her published book, "How to Read Old Documents", is still the standard work on the subject. All I Know of her comes from her own writings, and I would be very interested in anything any member may be able to tell me about her.

I noticed in the article that there was a question mark next to Meales Church (on page 7). This is indeed correct, Meales is the local corruption of St Michael's, the Church of Sulhamstead Bannister which sadly no longer exists. In 1891, this would not have been the building which was pulled down in 1966, but the earlier church built in 1815 and demolished in 1914.

References to "in our garden", "in our kitchen", etc I presume are to workers on the Sulhamstead Estate. Further information about residents in the parish at this time can be gleaned from Emma's "History of Sulhamstead". It includes a photograph of Mr and Mrs FAULKNER standing in front of their shop, with Charlie, Louie, Lily, Lucy and Dorothy, and several other pictures of people whom I'm sure will soon appear in the pages of our BFHS magazine,

Yours sincerely,

David Ford

**Book of the Parishioners of Sulhamstead**
- continuation -

compiled 1891 June (& added to after) by E E Thoyts

**Page 15:**

Widow Woolford Biddles Cottages Widow of George Woolford who died. Her husband worked for Mr Strange. In 18__ it was thought he was dead (he suffered from fits) they prepared to lay him out for burial but he revived and lived several years after. /was reputed 1892 to be heiress to large property in America/

I George 1860. Carter for W G Strange Esqr.
II Joseph 1860 one year a gardener at Ascot. In our garden 1886 from March to December. Working for Palfrey 1877
III William 1865
IV David 1868
V Hannah 1863. In 1885 went a scullery maid at Wasing stayed 4 months then a months trial at another place then 3 months in the laundry at the Philberds School at Maidenhead. Came back and returned to work at our Laundry. She is not sharp. <She went out too late to do any good.>

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Biddles Cottages The old single Cottage once Whitaker's Farm <Charles> Armstrong came here from Calcot about 1873. He was employed at the Mill. He became blind 18__ <Got the annual £10 pension in 1892.>
(opposite:) <Armstrong to obtain a pension for his blindness Had to produce a Certificate of his birth. Mr Shepherd wrote to the parish he was born in & after much trouble it was found he was entered in the Register as "Amsden" so much for name corruption - Hampden was once a common name abt here.>

1 William 1870 (Bill) was in our garden at one time <& is now 1892>
2 Alfred married 1891 Emma widow of Stephen Burr of Jack's Booth
3 Charles in our garden from 1884
4 Ellen 1864 in our kitchen <Married June 1892 William Robbins Son born 1893 xtened here William Francis>
5 Sarah She was in our kitchen <Sarah is the one who is cook at Mrs Stewards>
6 Emma married 1887. Was in our kitchen.
7 Lucy was in our kitchen <married ____ Sims>

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I Charles

of Canonbury Tower in the Parish of Saint Mary Islington in
other Testamentary Dispositions heretofore made by me and Do[illegible]
(excepting the Legacies and sister wife hereinafter mentioned) to be equally
my regard for their kindness to me to their own use and benefit I give an
and bequeath all my Sterling Plate and sterling Table to my dear Sister
Rosa and to my Daughters Sophia and Mary and also to my Grandson
Legacy Duty and clear of all other Contributions whatsoever And I direct
money which at the time of my Death shall be in my said House or
standing in my name at my Bankers Account or if such ready money
Estate and within three Calendar months from my decease or as much so
Rosa if she be living with me at the time of my decease and unmarried
Mansion House of Canonbury Tower and of the Garden Coach Houses
linen China Books Furniture Plate Stores Household Goods and other Ef
shall be in or about my said Mansion House at the time of my decease
nothing (except my Cash Securities Books and other Documents) shall be consu
all parliamentary and other Taxes rates Charges Assessments and outgoings pa
repairs thereof shall be paid and defrayed out of my general personal estat
the Garden belonging to my said House during the said term I give a
the appurtenances in the occupation of M? Horning unto and to the use of
my four freehold Houses called Beaumont Cottages situate in the Boundary
and my Son in Law George Strimpher their Heirs and Assigns To the
Administrators and Assigns during the life of my Son Richard Langford
declared and from and after the decease of my said Son Richard Da
of my said Son Samuel Hill his Heirs and Assigns for ever And I d
premises aforesaid are limited and devised to the said Samuel Hill a
aforesaid Upon trust that they the said Samuel Hill and George Strim
survivor of them and shall yearly and every year until my said Son Richa
Act for the relief of Insolvent Debtors as to become entitled to or suffer some
or persons would under this present trust if unrestricted become entitled either at
or any payment in respect of any sum or sums of money to be charged or
Richard Langford Hill for his own use and benefit and so and shall from
become Bankrupt or Insolvent or shall have executed committed or suffered
which shall thenceforth arise and accrue or become due or payable out of or
Richard Langford Hill unto my said Son Samuel Hill his executors admin
and by virtue of a Contract entered into with me by the Marquess of Rock
and thirty seven I became entitled to Clear Leases granted to me of certain
and premises of the said Contract And reference in pursuance of the said
and the Lands so demised have been surrendered by me for building purposes
time of my decease shall have been demised to me in pursuance of the said
with the Buildings thereon and other appurtenances thereof Together with the
or shall be granted by me in my lifetime and all other the benefits thereof And

# Hamor Hill

the County of Middlesex Esquire do thereby revoke all Wills Codicils and
or my last Will and Testament I give and bequeath all my Plate
jewells between my Daughters Alsa (Strimostine) and Rosa as a token of
I bequeath all my Guns and Cutlasse to my Son Samuel Hill I give
unto Rayforth Hill I give and bequeath unto my said Daughters Alsa and
Sophia Winchester the sume of Sixty pounds a piece free from
the same to be paid to them immediately after my decease out of the money
Canonbury Tower or any other House where I shall then reside or
shall not be sufficient for the purpose then out of my general personal
as conveniently may be And I will and direct that my said Daughters
shall have the undisturbed use and enjoyment rent free of my said
Stables and other appurtenances thereunto belonging and of all the Plate
Jewells and things (not being Cash Securities Debts or other Documents
for one year from the time of my decease it being my Will that
rents therefrom during that period And I further direct that during such
year in respect of the said Mansion House and the rent and occupancy
and that my said Daughters shall take for their own use the produce of
my freehold House and premises No 33 Duke Street Islington and
my said Son Samuel Hill his heirs and assigns for ever I give and devise
Road Islington with their appurtenances unto my said Son Samuel Hill
use of the said Samuel Hill and George Strimostine their executors
Hill without impeachment of waste Upon the trusts hereinafter
Rayforth Hill to the use of my Grandson Charles Hamor Hill the Son
hereby declare my Will to be that the said four freehold Houses and
and George Strimostine their executors administrators and assigns in manner
mentioned and the survivor of them and the executors or administrators of such
said Rayforth Hill shall become Bankrupt or take the benefit of any
the said sums matter or thing whereby or by reason or means whereof any other person
Law or in Equity to the receipt of the said rents issues and profits or any part thereof
arrived upon the same pay the said rents issues and profits unto my said Son
duly and every year after my said Son Richard Rayforth Hill shall have so
my such Act deed matter or thing as aforesaid pay the rents issues and profits
in respect of the same four Houses and premises during the life of the said
Administrators and assigns for his and their own use and benefit And whereas under
Hampton and dated the seventh day of April One thousand eight hundred
bonds in the parish of Islington aforesaid in separate parcels according to the terms
Contract part of such Bonds have been already at various times assigned to me
Now I hereby give and bequeath all the Bonds whether now have or at the
Contract whether the same shall or shall not have been assigned by me
Bonds Rents reserved in the several indentures of the said Bonds which have been
also all that Leasehold piece & parcel of ground with the appurtenances

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Henry Lee labourer neither he nor his wife can read or write. She was dau of old Mrs Pearce who for many years lived in the next cottage ie at the bottom of Ufton Lane.

1 (Henry crossed out) George 1874 went to Ufton School 1888 in the biscuit factory <not confirmed, married>
2 (George crossed out) Charles

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____ Shepherd Carpenter came 1886 a delicate man suffers from his eyes. He was as a lad apprenticed to a Coach painter <left abt 1898>

1 Tom 1880 work at the Rectory Nov 1891. Went as page to London Dec 1891 Suffers with his eyes and as a young lad had fits.
2 1881 Edmund
3 Georgina 1882 <used to have fits>
4 Sarah (Mrs Stewards Godchild) has been in the Orthopedic Hospital
5 & 6 Died /1884/ buried at Sulhamstead Abbotts
7 Matthew died 1891 aged 1 year
8 Ruth 1891 <has fits 1893>

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Laundry Cottage Kingston Lane called generally Ufton Lane
George Cropp & his wife came here in 1882 he had been a valet /He died 190_ & his widow moved to Trash Green./

In the Cottage in our Garden William Henry Bristowe came 1879 from Bagshot. I think married soon after his wife Sarah died in 1886 buried in Meales Churchyd. He married again 1887 Mary Smith who for 25 years had been housemaid here. Her home is at Eddington near Hungerford.

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Poplar Cottage Ufton or Kingston Lane
John Tillen came as Gardener & Groom to Revd R Cothard in 18__ from ____ His parents lived at Beenham. Married Ann ____ her home was at Andover. She had a paralytic stroke several years ago & was never quite sharp after. Died June 1891 age 64 buried Meales (card included)
<He married Augt 1892 a widow Mrs Nowell who had been a Cook housekeeper. She married first a well to do yeoman who drank and

lost his money betting. Then she married the foreman of the works at Theale Church who died of influenza 1892.>

1 Edward (Ted) in service at the Rectory married a servant girl there Mary Wingrove in 188_ The Carrier at Goring.
2 Albert 1865 service at the Rectory (moved with - crossed out) Mrs Falcon Steward (to Sunderland & from there with her - also crossed out) to Reading
3 Eliza married ____ Tigwell of Ufton lives in Kent <has several Children>
4 Annie 1862 housemaid to Mrs Falcon Steward from 1885 to 1888 Then with Mrs Jordan at Whitley. Left ill 1889. Went to St Thomas' Hospital London April 1892& died there May 1892 buried in Meales Churchyard (Memorial Card to Annie Elizabeth Tillen d 9th May 1892 aged 29)

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<On opposite page: Holloway is a very common name it is identical to Alloway, Hathaway and Atherway & confusion is always found in Registers for this reason>

James Holloway lives next door to John Tillen in Ufton Lane. Works in our Garden. Came from Burghfield <He is very delicate suffers from fits.>

I Cecellie(?) 1885 <goes to Ufton School> /Sulhamstead School now/
II Walter died 1890
III Sidney born 1888
IV Arthur first went to school 1893 when very little over 3 years old
V Walter 1891

**page of notes inserted**
page 20 Albert Tillen must be more than 18, he is either 23 or 24 he left us when we went to Cumberland and I think he had no situation until I took Bardsey
page 23 William Norman is now I hear a soldier
(page) 67 (should be 47) Mrs Hopgood widow is again married Hopgood on the Common have at least one son living Thomas

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John Veysey works at the Mill rents two cottages. Came 1881 from Burghfield Mill /formerly of Tiverton in Devon/
<Left after Mr Witherington's death. May 1892 Went to keep a

general shop at Stratford near London 161 Chobham Road Stratford New ----(?) London E> /gave up business in 1906/
1 Lucy 1876 Apprenticed Dressmaking 1890 to Miss Wigmore Craven Road Newbury. Confirmed here 1891 <A fuss about her indentures Miss Wigmore offered to cancel them in 1892 then wanted to ignore the offer. Lucy remained with her until her time was up Sept 1893> /married/
2 Harry 1877 apprenticed to a Taylor in Reading 1889 /married/
3 Rhoda 1878 <helping in their shop 1893> /service 1906/
4 William 1882 /married/
5 John 1884

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John Norman Mill Cottages, works at the Mill, came to the parish 1879 from Bradfield <Went away then came back to Malthouse, killed by a fall 1899>
Mrs Norman was attacked by a man on the Bath Rd & was terribly frightened & did not quite ever recover the shock.

1 Edith 1871 Service 1883 <Devonshire> <Caversham Rise left June 1892 Home summer 1892 Service 1893>
2 Agnes 1874 Apprenticed 1887 Dressmaking Newbury 1889 apprenticed to Madame Matilda 58 Chepstow Villas Bayswater Left 1891 Confirmed here 1891 <maid Mrs George New College Oxford Mrs Adams Cheltenham left in a fortnight Home in 1892 Maid to Mrs Kelyar Pendomer Rectory nr Yeovil parlourmaid left Novbr 1892 The girl does not appear to be half sharp - Home since>
3 Willie 1875 Service to Faulkners 1886 Reading 1888 <a soldier>
4 John 1876 <at Thatcham>
5 Charlie <1878 Left School 1892 helping in the Mill 1893.>
6 Fred /born 1881/
7 <Dorothy born June 1892>

Norman's Father who lived with them died 1888.

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Minall <Thomas> Mill Cottages a <gardner & keeper> came about 1873 from Bradfield <left the parish 1899>
1 Alice 1874 Service 1886 <house 1892 service July 1892>
2 Mabel <1879> left school 1891 went to her sister
3 Bernard <George 1881>
4 Margaret <1884>
5 Elizabeth <1886>
6 Florence Louise <1891 2 Ap>

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<Isaac> Bullen Mill Cottages came about 1872 from Blackwater. <The whole family squint frightfully the Father the Mother William Christina & Ernest especially> /moved to Sunnyside/

1 William 1873 at Calcot Mill 1886 & 1888 in our Garden 1890 after being out of work a long time.
2 Christine 1874 Left School 1888 Service Nov 1890 Confirmed here 1891 <in service again for 4 months then at the Post Office here 1892 Miss Grudgeon Heathfield Streatham as under maid. Housemd near Bracknell 1893>
3 Ernest <1878> service at the Rectory 1890 <left 1891 returned 1891 on Palfreys farm & at Faulkners 1892-3>
? Rose 1880 service 1892 2(?) months left Oct 1892 Nov <1892 at Mrs Adams the Common.>
4 George <1882>
5 <Edith (crossed out) 1886>
6 Ada <went to school first 1893>
7 <Frederick Lawrence March 1893>

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George Wigmore lives by Faulkners came from Burghfield 1879 <Removed 1891 to one of the Cottages by the Mill. Married Rose Dore.>
Dorcas Dore call now Wigmore illegitimate dau of Mrs Wigmore born 1874. 1886 Service Mrs Eylott Wokefield 1889 Mrs Hall London & County Council Office Charing Cross 1892 Mrs Grantham Hampstead Norris Rectory 189- Mrs Keep Aldermaston. Confirmed here 1891.
Bert 1877 <work at Faulkners left 1892 went to W J Stange's as boots>
Fred 1879 <working at the rectory 1892 left 1893>
Frank 1882 <at school>
Arthur 1884 <at school>
Edith 1886

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(opposite page) The old form of the name Wells was Eeles or Eales.

David Wells The Smithy near the Shop . Blacksmith. He owns the house he lives in. He came to live here with his grandfather. He was born abt 1833. The Wells have for many generations lived in the parish. I trace back 7 generations. They came from Englefield here in the 18th Cent:

<George> Wells brother to David Wells came 1888 to live in the Lower Lane. He was taken ill immediately hemorrhage & was in the Brompton Hospital 1889 <Broke another bloodvessel in 1891.2-3>
____ his wife also very consumptive & has broken bloodvessels

1 George 1877 As page 1890-1 Col. Townshend at Eddington Newbury <July 1891 Page Dr Churchill 4 Crawley Gdns SW Had Scarlet Fever 1892 returned to his situation July 1892 Left his situation 1893>
2 Ernest 1879
3 Jessie 1878 <left school 1892>
4 <Victor born May 1892>

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Henry Langley bricklayer Mr Faulkner's Cottage. Born in the Parish. Wife a dressmaker <all her sisters died of deep decline> <Langley is a clever worker but drinks>

Henry born here 1874 <In service at Eton every one likes this boy>
Beatrice 1876 Confirmed here 1891 <left school 1890 Very delicate. Had tubicles on the Brain. Helping her mother.>
Archie 1877
Reginald 1883
Elsie Jane rather deaf 1886
<Percy Charles 1892 rather delicate>

/moved to Burghfield I think/

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Henry Barefoot our Theale Lodge. Formerly Coachman from 18__ to 1872 when he lost his fingers & was then kept on as Stableman. Mr Thoyts left him a legacy as having been in his service over 10 years.
<Caroline, dau of Thos. Nash (carter), born at Aldermaston> his wife, a very pretty but dissolute & drunken woman died 1885.
<Barefoot gave up service from infirmity & old age Sept 1892>
/Old Henry died 1907/

1 Henry <abroad as valet in the West Indies His wife died 1890>
2 (crossed out) 4th June Charles (1862 crossed out) in the West Indies Havana Died there of Consumption age 29 20 Nov 1891 after being out 15 years (and on opposite page:) In the parish magazine the name is given as Arthur.

(this Barefoot family entry will be continued in the next issue)

# V I N C E N T  E V A N S ,  A R C A

Audrey Lane (nee Evans)

My late father, Vincent Evans, the Welsh artist and long time member of the Slough Civic Society, was honoured in his birthplace, Ystalyfera, in the Swansea Valley. The Ystalyfera Civic Society erected in their Community Hall, a commemorative plaque to my father and his achievements. I and my son Rhys, accepted their invitation to attend the unveiling ceremony which took place on Thursday 24th March, 1988.

He died in March 1976 at the age of 81 years, and with the passing of the subsequent twelve years, you find most understandably, that memories of him are fading; so here are some facts about him.

He came to live in Slough in 1941 when he took up the post of Art Master at the then Slough Grammar School for Boys in Lascelles Road. He held this post until his retirement in 1962; he then became part-time Tutor in Art at the Slough College and continued his teaching work until his seventies. He was a founder-member of the Slough Art Society and became Chairman, and later President, a post he held for many years.

He and my mother joined the Slough Civic Society shortly after its inception; he always maintained a lively interest in Slough affairs and involved himself in various local concerns. I remember the great pleasure he took in acting a adjudicator for the arts entries in the Arts and Craft section of the Annual Summer Show at Agars Plough. Perhaps I should also mention that besides his work as a teacher, he held in addition the post of Examiner, and then Chief Examiner in Art for the Joint Welsh Education Committee and London University GCE Examination Boards for many years.

My father was born in 1895 in Ystalyfera; he was the third son of John Evans, a monumental mason, and his wife Jane, nee Harding. There were eight children of the marriage, four sons and four daughters. The family fell on hard times and at the age of thirteen my father had to leave school and go to work down the mine; indeed he worked as a collier at the coal face for eleven years; an older brother became a colliery manager but my father had no wish to make mining a career.

From an early age, one of his greatest interests was in art; drawing, sketching and painting. He entered works in various local competitions, shows and Eisteddfodan and won many prizes. He studied part-time at the Swansea College of Art, and then at the age of twenty four he won a scholarship to the Royal College of Art in London. In 1921 he had a drawing accepted and hung at the Royal Academy Exhibition, this was the first of many more works which were to be shown at the RA over following years; the subject of this first work was of miners at work.

He successfully completed his studies at the Royal College of Art and won high praise from, among others, the Principal, Sir William Rothenstein. He was beginning to gain acclaim in art circles when he was offered a post as Art Director at Wanganni College in New Zealand; he accepted in 1923, returning to the UK in 1932. He and his work were obviously well thought of in Wanganni, for I recently received a request for information about him from the Director of the Sargeant Gallery in Wanganni, who said he had been looking through past documents and had read glowing reports of my father and his work in Wanganni, indeed, the gallery wished to hold a Rerospective Exhibition featuring him and his work!

It was after his return to Britain that he met and married my mother; at first they lived in London where my father had a studio and worked as a professional artist, but with my arrival he returned to the security of a teaching career and so he came to Slough . . .

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The author can be contacted through Connie Marshall, whose address is on the back cover, with a stamped addressed envelope please.

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ALLEYNE, HARRISON and DOTTIN/DOTTEN from Oxfordshire, Warwickshire, Gloucestershire and the West Indies.

1429 Alleen Berry, 270 San Marcos APTE, San Gabriel, California 91776, U S A, writes, "I am looking for information on Thomas SIMMONS, my grandfather, who was born in Wantage to Thomas SIMMONS and Elizabeth PALMER in 1865. The 1871 census describes a family by the same name living at Bowers Farm in Letcombe Regis. I would like to find out about other members of the family who might still live in the area. Any help other members could give would be greatly appreciated."

1525 Avril Bayley, 28 Thorpe Walk, Parkwood, Gillingham, Kent, ME8 9QT. "I am looking for information concerning the whole family, but particularly the father, Charles White, who was born around 12838 and married around 1865. He was a police inspector, possibly a superintendant in the Royal Berkshire Police, but later went on to become a publican. He had six children, one of whom was my grandfather William White who was born in 18666 at Hurst. He had six other children, Harold, Robert, George, Thomas, Charlie and Adelaide. The boys all joined the police and Adelaide married a policeman."

1596 Janet and Stephen Cox, Cox, 6 Staplehurst, Woodenhill, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 4DB: "We are pleased to see our entry in the members' pages (page 53), but a couple of errors have crept in. Our Berkshire interest should read 'COX, BUCKRIDGE, BREN/BRAN of Tilehurst and LOVEGROVE. and the BRAMWELL entry in Stephen's birth brief should read SWEATMAN. We have already established a distant relationship to another member, Mr M Manville of Crawley. When we contacted her she very kindly supplied us with a family tree extending back to 1640. A very good introduction to the Society!"

1602 Kevin Herridge, 'Treetops', Upper Highland Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 1EA. "I am interested in STREEK of Ashampstead and Bradfield; WILLIS of Bradfield; SIMPSON of Hampstead Norris and Whitchurch; CHAPMAN of Purley, Frilsham, Faringdon and Ashampstead; STEVENS of Speen; LEWINGTON of Ashampstead and Speen; WELLS of Hampstead Norris; FULBROOK of Aldworth; SMITH of Compton; any JEFFRIES from Berkshire and all references to JOSEY and HERRIDGE."

1636 Chris Christou, 6504 Holabird Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21224, U S A. "I am looking for information on Joseph PHIPPS who married an Elizabeth. They were from Abingdon. His father was Joseph PHIPPS who married Mary Woodier. I have

some information about his immediate ancestors, but I am hoping that other members might have some further documentary evidence about the family."

1670 Ernest and Barbara Godfrey, 22 Bladingdon Drive, Bexley, Kent, DA5 3BP. Ernest is a retired police sergeant researching HEARN(E), LAMBOURN(E) and MILLS from East Ilsley and WOODRUFF from Windsor. Barbara is working on BAILEY, EDWARDS, FORD, GUNNER, HERBERT, HICKMAN, KITTLE, RIMELL from Middlesex and BURDEN, HICKMAN, HUCKIN, LUCKETT and TAYLOR from Oxfordshire.

1709 Colin and Sue Parkinson, 5 Nutsey Lane, Testwood, Totton, Hampshire, are working on the following Berkshire families: WESTBROOK from Abingdon; WETHERALL and POWELL from Chilton; PITHER from Blewbury and KEATES, BOOR and PARKINSON.

1719 Elizabeth Wellman, 70 Walton Way, Newbury, Berkshire, RG13 2LJ, is a teacher with a special interest in hansom cab drivers and motor cab drivers in London during the latter part of the nineteenth century and the beginning of the twentieth. She is researching SYRAD/SYRETT and GIBBS of London and Middlesex; EAST from Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire; SLADE and BECK from Buckinghamshire; JANSON/IANSON and POWELL from London.

1725 Christine and John Ridge, 118 South Avenue, Abingdon, Oxfordshire, OX4 1QS, both work in printing administration. They are working on the following Berkshire families: ACKLING, HOOK, DANCE, LEACH, RIDGE, TOWNSEND and TRINDER from Abingdon; BRADFIELD, BUNCE, CHEER and HARDING from Drayton; FARMER from Welford; PRINCE from Leckhampstead. Christine's birth brief is: MARLOW, -, JOHNSON, -, OGIER, -, MAUGER, GOODENOUGH, BRENEN, HARRISON, BARLOW, RUTTER, THOMPSON, BEWICK, DIXON, FOSTER. John's is: RIDGE, TRINDER, TOWNSEND, ACKLING, -, -, -, LEACH, BRADFIELD, HARDING, CHEER, BUNCE, -, -, PRINCE, FARMER.

1727 Kathy and Duncan Neil Titcome, 1 Curridge Green, Newbury, Berkshire, RG16 9FA, are researching TITCOMBE from Watchfield and Wiltshire.

1742 Karen L Corbo, PO Box 14, Coomboona Road, Coomboona 3629, Australia, is a dairy farmer and "domestic goddess". "I am researching my great great grandfather, James HILET, who came to Australia around 1840. I don't have much information on him before that, but have traced nearly the whole family from then until 1988. James was the son of William HILET and

Martha LOVE. He was born in Berkshire around 1817 and married Anne ENGLISH in Sydney. I have checked all the shipping records here and can find no entry under HILET. Any help from other members would be greatly appreciated."

1743 R E Griffin, 71 Enbourne Road, Newbury, Berkshire, RG14 6AP, has a list of all KIMBER references in parish registers around Berkshire.

1749 Barbara Swiatek, 48 Farm Crescent, Wexham Estate, Slough, SL2 5TH, is looking for all her HAYNES from Marylebone. Her birth brief is: HAYNES, HARRIS, STRONG, GREY, BODINNAR, TONKIN, CORIN, DOWNING, HARVEY, -, BODINNAR, TONKIN, KLISKEY, BARNICOAT, ROUFFIGNAL, SAMPSON.

1751 Bruce Wilkinson, 14 Brickenden Court, Mason Way, Waltham Abbey, Essex, EN9 3EF, is researching WILKINSON from Waltham St Lawrence, Wargrave and Reading; HAWTYNE from Waltham St Lawrence and Reading; LEWIS, ANDREWS, TALBOT, VAUX, WILLIAMS, JOHNSON, RESTALL and WADDINGTON from Middlesex. "I have a full set of the 1851 census index names in Bethnal Green and will be pleased to assist any member with help in this area. I am also hoping for some help with my search for WILKINSONs who were bricklayers in Reading. Information from past generations mentions Wargrave and then Rotherhithe and Shoreditch. In return for help in Berkshire I am quite willing to check records in the Greater London Record Office."

1756 Joan Gutteridge, 9 Queen's Cottages, Reading, RG1 4BE, is a bookshop assistant. "I am in the process of listing all the CREPIN births marriages and deaths from the indexes at St Catherine's House. The CREPINs, my mother's family, came from Kent and my father's family, HARRIS, from Marlow. I am also interested in GUTTERIDGE from Whitchurch and Goring Heath. In addition I am researching RACKSTRAW from Little Marlow; BALLARD, PAY, ALLEN and NEWINGTON from Dover; ROBERTS and GASKIN from Goudhurst; TURNER from Swanscombe; GUNNELL and DEAN from Marlow; YATES from Brightwell and Blewbury."

1760 Robert Hammersley, 2 Sarum Road, Tadley, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG26 2ES, is an electronics engineer and has a list and index to the name HURLE. He is also interested in FERNNAU from Germany; HAMMERSLEY and ROYAL-HURLE from London.

1764 Valda Bowness, Northolt, Northcroft Lane, Newbury, Berkshire, RG13 1BQ, is a hairdresser researching FREEMANTLE from Ecchinswell and Kingsclere and HARRIS from Burghclere.

1768 John Hamilton, 26 Coppice Green, Bracknell, Berkshire, RG12 1TL, is interested in HAMILTON from Canada and Ireland; GRAVESELLE from Canada and France; WYATT and DOPSON from Wiltshire; McLOUGH of Ireland and O'GRADY and ROONEY.

1770 Shirley Knight, 442 Farnham Road, Slough, SL2 1HZ. "My great grandfather, George GROVE(S) is proving difficult. Born c1830 I have not traced a baptism for him in either Windsor or Clewer. At his marriage he gave his father's name as George. The age is on the 1871 census and on the marriage certificate seem to confirm the date of 1830, but the Windsor and Clewer 1841 census returns have two of a suitable age, one living with his father Thomas GRAVE and the other with his two aunts Charlotte OLIVER and Eliza GROVES, who in 1851 appear as GRAVES. So I go on looking, not at all helped by the fact that Windsor and Clewer show at various times GROVE, GROVES, GROVER, GRAVE, GRAVES, GREAVES and even, according to the IGI, GROSE. I wonder if anyone knows anything about the Royal Albert Laundry as there is a story in my family that it was started by the GROVES."

1772 Joan Hardcastle, 45 Barrhill Avenue, Patcham, Brighton, BH1 8UE. "Information wanted on Louisa WEBB, laundress, who gave birth to my late father, Albert William WEBB, at Boyn Hill, Bray on 3rd June 1890. Albert became head gardener to Lord Ormathwaite of Warfield Park in 1920 where I was born. I am also interested in GRANGER and KEITH of Sunninghill and Sunningdale."

1778 Mrs P M Burns, 70 Morton Avenue, Kidlington, Oxford, OX5 1BX, is a radiographer researching ODY of Wittenham and Sutton Courtney; CLACK, INNES, RICHINGS, BARTLETT and JONES of Longworth; STALLARD of Uffington; DAY and COCKHEAD of Sutton Courtney; BOSTER of Milton; QUARTERMAN of Wittenham.

1782 Jackie Collins, 8A Shrike Court, Westfield, Western Australia 6111, is working on a study of ANNETTs of Berkshire.

1802 Sue Kearley, 18 Brookline Close, Haydon Wick, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN2 2SX, who is working on the following Berkshire families: PRATT of Abingdon; JOHNSON of Reading; TEGG of Ashampstead; O'DONNELL of Bradfield; ALLEN of Newbury and FULBROOK of Coley, has sent the following birth brief: KERR, BROTHERSTON, WRIGHT, -, -, -, QUIRIE, GAMMACK, PRATT, HORSLEY, CHERRUL, CROSS, JOHNSON (or TEGG), O'DONNELL, FULBROOK, ALLEN.

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sale price to members, of any firm proposals for a lapel badge would be published as soon as the committee had reached a decision on the new logo.
(Editor's afterthought: Perhaps a small badge based on the Society's present logo could be called into service as a sign of recognition of services rendered to the Society, for the largely unsung heroes who work, often behind the scenes, for the good of the rest of us: past-committee members, project organisers, regular project workers, tea ladies, major contributors to the magazine, census transcribers and checkers, open day organisers, and the many more that spring to mind, for their tireless energy and unstinting support of the Society in its many guises - just a small thought but hopefully recognisable as grateful recognition of service to our common cause . . . )

**Newbury project work**
The branch is still looking for volunteers for the Memorial Inscription (MI) projects, interested members should contact Colin Skipper, see back cover for address. Members are also reminded of the monthly "jar and jaw" meetings - again details from Colin.

**First Fleet Convicts**
Dr Daphne Gifford, who addressed the Reading branch in January is regretably unable to produce a write up for the magazine but has pointed out that she is doing a small hand-book for the Society of Genealogists on First Fleet Convicts which she hopes will be out later this year. It will contain the kind of Public Record Office material she mentioned in her talk (but not local sources) so she reckons it will be useful as a guide to the First Fleet material in the PRO.

**Royal Berkshire Hospital**
At the suggestion of Dr A Marshall Barr, who declined a fee for his talk on the history of the Hospital, the Reading branch made a donation to the Hospital's 150th Anniversary Appeal Fund. The Chairman of the Appeal Committee, Mr K R Ray, has formally thanked the Society for the donation which will go towards the new Radio-therapy Department, on which work has already started and is expected to be completed by early 1989.

**Missing Members**
Strange as it may seem, we've lost a couple of members. Magazines addressed to "Mrs S J Coady (no 675), 16 Neva Road, Midanbury, Southampton, SO2 4FJ" and to "Ms Claire Rees (no 1559), 10 Beverley Gardens, Pinkneys Green, Maidenhead, Berks, SL6 6SN," are being returned to us.
If any readers are in contact with either of these members, or can

help us to contact them, would they please let the appropriate membership secretary know so that the undelivered magazines can be forwarded to them.

**Thatcham Historical Society**

The society, which is a corporate member of the Berks Local History Assoc., offers an interesting series of talks, visits, etc., throughout the year. Full details can be obtained from their secretary via the Kennet School, Thatcham, Berks, RG13 4LL. Their meetings are held on Monday evenings, the Autumn programme includes:

26th Sept "Berkshire Monesteries" Dr H Farmer
31st Oct "150 Years of the Registration Service" Mrs H Read
28th Nov "Brick Building in Berkshire" Dr R Asher

**Sneak Preview of Reading Branch's Questionnaire Answers**

A full analysis of results has been promised for publication in a later magazine, but, as an interested party, I was given an early sight of the answers to question number 6 - "What changes would you like to see in the Society magazine?" - the answers to the question follow, together with my, admittedly biased?, thoughts on some of them.

* Advertisements (suitable) to help with printing costs, for example, researchers, bookshops specialising in Berkshire books, accomodation convenient for record offices

  Sounds an admirable idea, but what does "(suitable)" mean? - as editor I have always argued against the idea, mainly on the grounds that regardless of any warnings to the contrary, it would leave the Society open to criticism in respect of any substandard research or accomodation and could almost certainly be taken as a kind of endorsement - most county record offices have a list of searchers/researchers on offer (at the clients own risk of course), the Federation has its own booklet on accomodation (as aired occasionally on these pages by one of our participating member families), that just leaves the bookshops . . .

  but there again - the lack of contributions probably saves far more on costs per issue than advertising could ever hope to make . . .

* Competition . . .

  . . . would all compilers step this way please

* Regular Berkshire Record Office feature

  it's as regular as I can make it - none again this issue due

to the changeover of County Archivist, but I do keep trying

* Information about new Family History publications
yes, the book reviews are a bit thin on the ground - perhaps that's because we don't get the books to review - but you all seem to get to know about them anyway

* Information about the BFHS Reference Library
until the Executive committee announces its policy regarding the reference library (the snippets I pop in about its fate from time to time are no more than that and are just to let members know that it is not forgotten) I regard the matter as "sub judice" and cannot contemplate detailed publicity in these pages

* More illustrations . . .
. . . and so say the rest of us (as well as the two members putting forward the suggestion)

* More people to contribute material . . .
. . . and so say all of us

* More personal stories and experiences . . .
. . . doesn't this get rather boring - I wonder if the two people who suggested it have written up theirs for the magazine yet?

* New printer with various font sizes, for example HP desk jet
* Typeface to be more readable
I'll take these two together - I'd thought that the print quality had improved significantly in the Summer of 1986 when this "editorial office" received its very first, and only, piece of BFHS-funded kit (a Juki daisy wheel printer) to assist in the production of the magazine, however, there seems to be somebody out there with other ideas - they sound great to me - and my word processor has developed a limp too . . .

* Notes or articles on various Berkshire parishes and parish churches
volunteers? I had a go at Hungerford, and Binfield, and Abingdon but since Shire Hall moved to its inaccessible new premises then its up to the rest of you . . .

* Precis of evening lectures for people who can't get to them
you've had more of these this year (thanks to Connie, Jenny and Bill) but in spite of their sterling contributions I

have a sneaking suspicion that appetite-whetting summaries may occasionally prove rather more frustrating than the actual missing of a talk - perhaps readers, including those who attended the meetings, will let me know if they find the reviews a valuable additions to these pages and which type they have found to be the most useful

* Question and answer section/problem page
unfortunately, a title at the top of a page is not going to miraculously generate copy for that page - the number of letters has increased remarkably with this issue but its up to the readers to keep it that way

In a nutshell, members will get to read what members submit. My days of writing half the magazine have long gone. I hope the above doesn't give the wrong impression - I'm still enjoying 'acting as editor until we find someone to do it' and am profoundly grateful to that small number of members on whose contributions it is based - but in common with other members of our Society who have tried to rally support for one or other of our ventures over the years (and under its two identities, first RAGS and now BFHS, my fifteenth year of doing just that is drawing to its close!) it's difficult not to lose heart at times.

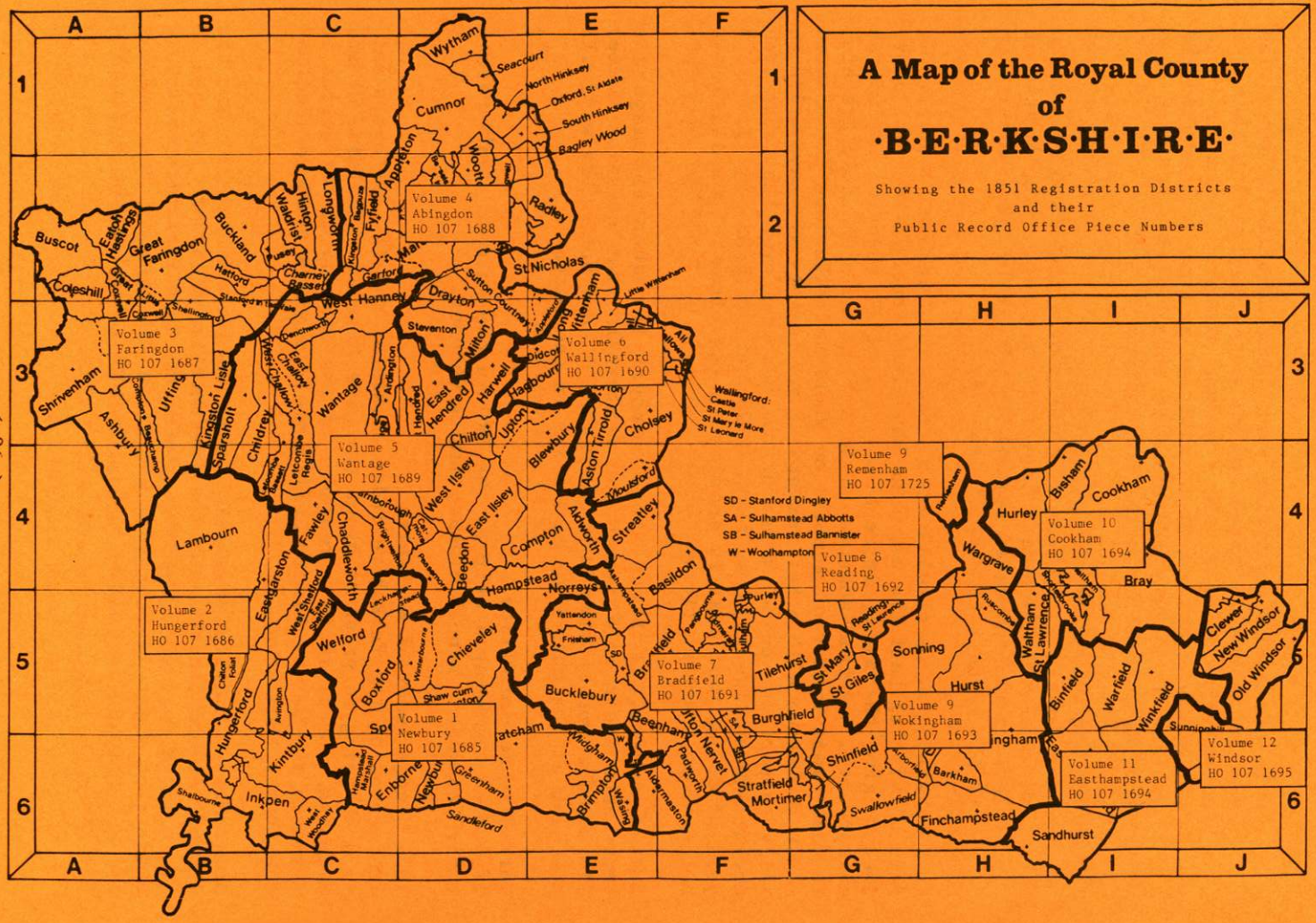
But of course, it is to those members for whom the magazine represents their sole reason for membership that question number six should really have been addressed - so I hope they will all now jump at the chance to have a say in the matter . . .

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**Berkshire Record Office**
If you're planning a trip to the BRO in the Autumn, don't forget their two week's annual closure during October.

**1851 Census Index of Berkshire**
The second of the Berkshire index booklets, vol 11, Easthampstead, will be going to press at about the same time as this issue of the magazine. Overleaf is a reminder of the make-up of the series in terms of the Public Record Office piece numbers and the areas of the County they cover.

Just six of the Registration Districts are entirely within the county, of the others, only the Berkshire sections are included in their index volumes. Remenham, being the lone Berkshire parish in a district which is otherwise wholly in Oxfordshire, is scheduled to be included in volume 9, the volume covering the Wokingham district.


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12 Sep Bishop's Deposition Papers — Joan Dils

10 Oct Merchant Seamen — Marjorie Moore

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30 Sept Probate Records
Anthony J Camp, Director of Society of Genealogists

28 Oct A Day in the Life of an Enumerator
Michael J Sheppard assisted by Jean Coles

Sat 5 Nov Branch Open Day : 9 am to 5 pm :
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18 Nov Burial Customs
Julian W S Litten, Curator in Administration
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9 Dec Christmas Evening

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Colin R Chapman

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| 31 Mar | Disease and Epidemics: The Berkshire Experience c1550-1750 | Joan Dils |
| 28 Apr | Did Your Ancestors Keep a Public House? | Judith Hunter |
| 26 May | Errors in Genealogy | Stanley W Clives |
| 30 June | The Bodleian Library and the Genealogist | Steven Tomlinson, Assistant Librarian, Dept of Western Manuscripts |

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| 13 Dec | Christmas Party | |

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| 28 Feb | The Census | Mike Gandy |
| 28 Mar | tba | |
| 25 Apr | tba | |
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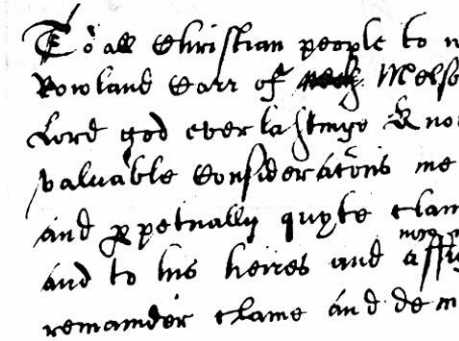
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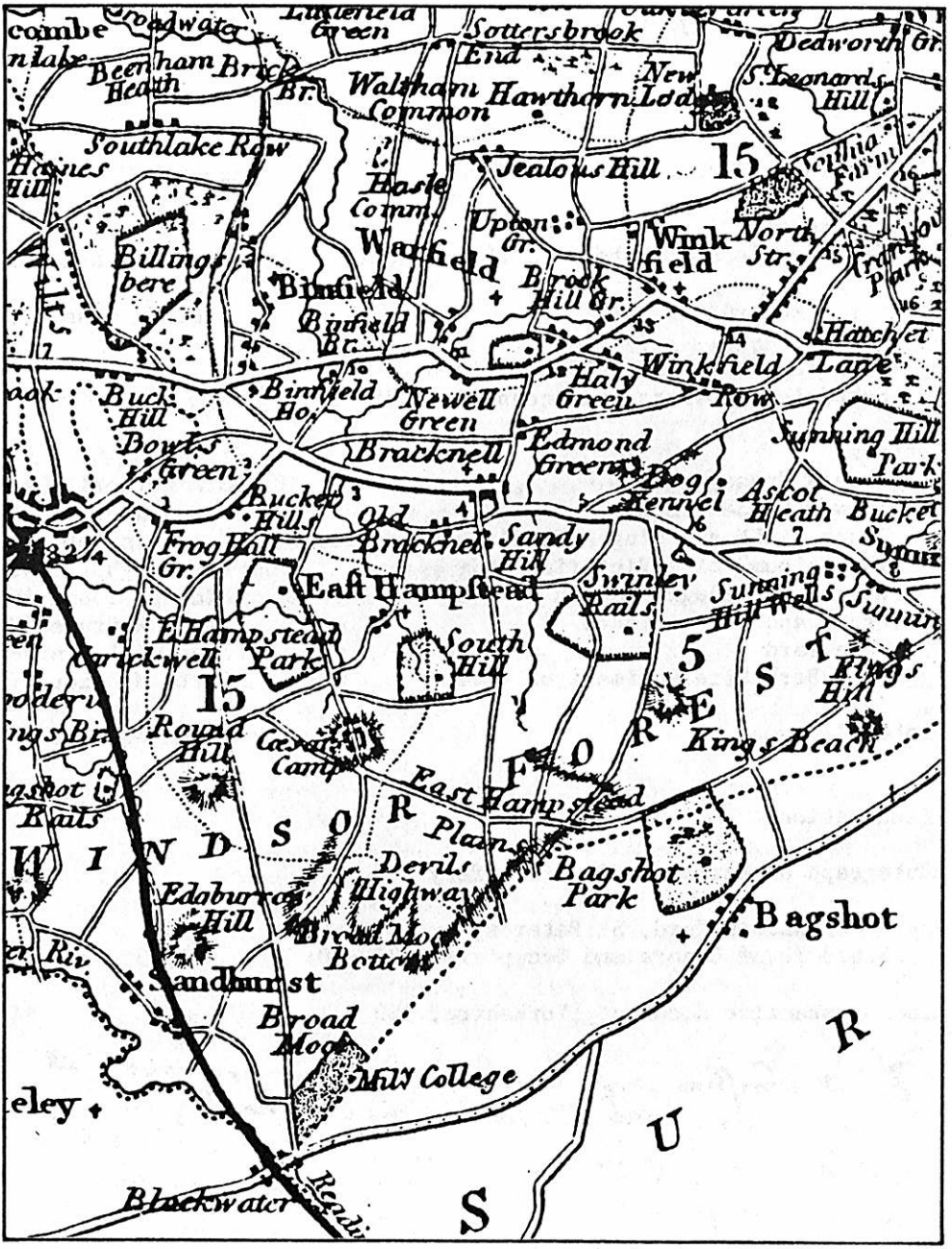
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Estate and within three Calend[illegible] months from my decease or as s[illegible]
Rosa if she be living with me at the time of my decease and
Mansion House of Caversham Court and of the Garden Coal
linen china Books Furniture Wines Stores Household Goods
shall be in or about my said Mansion House at the ti



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