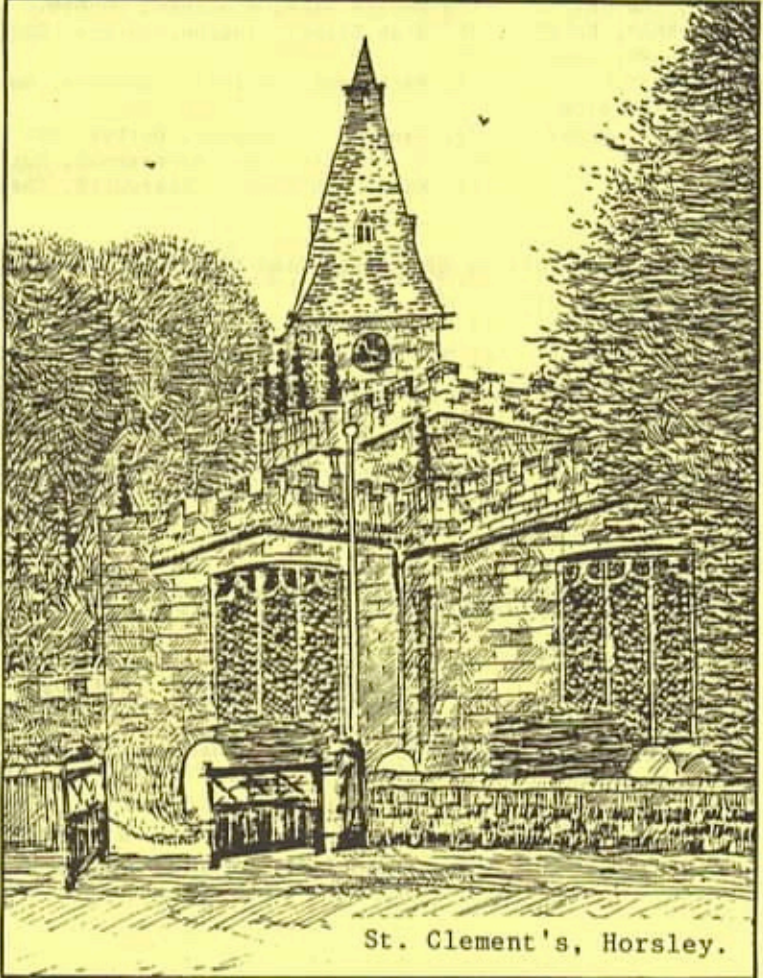


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Editorial

Once again I should like to thank everyone who has sent in material for publication in Branch News. This issue contains a good number of interesting and informative articles, all contributed by YOU the members. It is good to know that I have so many of you all willing to help make 'Branch News' such a successful magazine.

One Member has asked for more information on the historical background to Solomon's Temple, which was our cover picture of the last issue. The only information I can find on this landmark which stands about 1,200 feet above sea-level over the town of Suxton is that it was built on land belonging to a Mr. Solomon Mycock. Why he built the tower and when, I cannot find out. If any members can provide further information I shall be pleased to hear from them. A special thank you goes to our member, (no.1471) Dave Oldfield, who has drawn the picture of Horsley church for our cover this time.

Putting on my 'Other Hat' of M.I. Co-ordinator, I should like to thank everyone who has helped with this project during the last year, whether recording, indexing or typing. We have a good number of members who are recording, either on their own or in small groups. Two members have met on one day of each week since last Easter and in that time have recorded completely 8 churchyards and burial grounds, not even rain or snow has deterred them! The secret to getting a churchyard completed is to make it a regular outing. This leads me to ask for more help with recording M.Is in the North of the county. This week we have heard that gravestones are to be removed at CURBAR. Will someone up there please offer to record these before it is too late. How ever willing our band of helpers is in this area, no-one can be expected to travel such a distance on a regular basis, so please, do come forward and volunteer to record this vital information in the North of the county. Do contact me first for instructions and guidance. I am willing to help you to get started by spending a recording session with you.

Let's make 1987 a record Recording Year.
Winifred.

CONGRATULATIONS

The names of many new members arrive at the home of our Membership Secretary each week but one VERY SPECIAL NEW MEMBER who arrived in time for Christmas was CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM JAMES BAGWORTH who was born on Friday December 5th 1986. We congratulate Mike and Marilyn on the birth of their new son and cannot leave out big brother Richard who is now acting as 'Chief Helper' at home.

We thank Mike and Marilyn who have so admirably continued to deal with all the book sales and membership renewals and if you have had to wait just a little longer than normal to receive your book order we know you will understand that the needs of Christopher William James have had to take priority. I am also pleased to add that another reason for a delay is a big increase in orders for publications. We have had to replenish our stocks, many items.

We welcome the following members who have joined the Society by 16th January 1987.

1575. Mr. Barry MUIR, 10 Bellamy Close, Southmoor, Abingdon, Oxon OX13 5AB. Searching - MUIR of Campbeltown, Arl. 1750 also of Glasgow, Lks. 1827; MORRISON and LANGWILL of Campbeltown 1750; WALKER and McCracken of Whitehaven, Cul. 1806; WALKER of Glasgow 1827; LIMB of Selston 1804 and of Radford 1858, both Notts.; BENNISTON of Selston 1833 and of Kirkby-in-Ashfield 1837, both Notts. and of Hollingworth, Lancs. 1812; ROGERS 1864 and MILLER 1891, both of Derby, also, MILLER of Bilston 1814 and of Burton-on-Trent 1846, both Staffs.; CLARKE of Derby, St. Werburgh 1865; BILSON of Derby 1798 of Belper 1829 and of Matlock-Bat 1864; YEVELY of Derby, All Saints 1803; HANCOCK of Derby 1833, of Shottle 1847 and of Duffield 1838; BACON and HULLEY both of Edensor 1789.
1598. Mr. David MARPLES, Woodthorpe P.O., 10 Norbriggs Rd., Woodthorpe, Mastin Moor, Chesterfield, S43 3BU. Searching - MARPLES of Eckington 1798; BIRD of Gleadless 1860; MILES of Beighton 1889; BRACEGIRDLE of Cheshire 1889.
1599. Mr. Norman WRIGHT, 40B. Awanui Street, New Plymouth, New Zealand. Searching - WRIGHT 1802, BULL 1800 and HOLLOWAY 1844 all of Longford, also BRIDGES 1818 of LONGFORD and of Beeston, Norfolk.
1600. Mr. Shirley Jack ABBOTT, 37 Bilsdale Grove, Knaresborough, N. Yorks. HG5 0PX. Searching - ABBOTT of Alfreton 1813 and of Wirksworth 1719; THIRKELL 1802 and SUTERMEISTER 1900, both of Alfreton; WRAY of West Derby, Lancs. 1876.
1601. Mr. Robert A. WILEMAN, 51 The Woodlands, Melbourne. DE7 1DQ. Searching - WILEMAN of Measham, Leics. 1814.
1602. Mrs. Gillian M. WYATT, 20 Thornleigh St., Thornleigh 2120, N.S.W. Australia. Searching - KIRK of Chesterfield 1883.
1603. Mrs. Ann R. RENDLE, Long Gable, 145 Halton Rd., Chesterfield, S71 3BX. Searching BINGHAM 1649 and VICKERS 1779 both of Dronfield/Norton; SLACK 1824 and MARGERESON 1841 both of Barlow.
1604. Mrs. Marie F. LOCKHART, 43 Thomson Drive, Codnor, Derbys. DE5 9RU. Searching - HORNE of Burnley Lancs. 1850.
1605. Mr. David & Mrs. Margaret ALLSOPP, 27 The Green Road, Ashbourne, Derbys. DE6 1ED. ALLSOPP of Hognaston, Kirk Ireton and Idrigehay 1800; SHERRATT of Ashbourne 1825; WALKER of Ashbourne and of Wootton, Staffs. both 1816; ADIN of Ashbourne c.1737; BROWN of Notts., 1785; GETTLIFFE of Ashbourne/Compton 1795; RILEY of Sheen & of Alstonefield, Staffs. both 1812.
1606. Mrs. Sheila M. COOK, 36 Derby Road, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 1BH. Searching - PEARCE of Sutton Scarsdale and of Rochdale, Lancs. both 1707; WETTON of Derbys. 1854; BURTON of Winster/Darley Dale 1850; MARSHALL of Gedling, Notts. 1815; HOLT of Bury, Lancs. area 1700; HANDLEY of Sedburgh, Westmoreland 1736; CROWTHER of Doncaster, Yorks. 1819; ROSCOE of Lancs. 1874.
1607. Mrs. E. CHAPMAN, 3 Church Street, Denby Village, Derbyshire. (no research interests received)
1608. Mrs. Sheila M. FRANCIS, 14 Bryngwastad Rd., Gorseinon, Swansea, West Glamorgan, South Wales SA4 2XG. Searching - WHEELHOUSE of Ecclesall/Sheffield, Yorks. 1870, also of Killamarsh pre. 1870; HAMMOND poss. of Killamarsh 1870 and also Nevin of Killamarsh 1870.
1609. Mr. Kenneth E. HAWKSWORTH, 48 Higher Blandford Rd., Broadstone, Dorset, BH18 9AQ. Searching - HAWKSWORTH & DOWNING of Sheffield, Yorks. 1784; WEBSTER of Greasbro, Yorks. 1786; TYZACK of Rotherham, Yorks. 1785; EATSON of Clowne, Derbys. 1777, and of Mansfield, Notts. 1860; HUMPHRIES of Mansfield, Notts. 1794; WALL of Rowsley 1778; BOWLER of Darley Dale 1785; HARRISON of Beighton/Sheffield, Yorks and of Lincoln 1800's; FOTHERBY 1800's and MANSFORD 1782, both of Lincs.; BURRILL of Nocton, Lincs. 1788; HALL of Harmston, Lincs. 1792.
1610. Mr. Colin BAXTER, 7 Cowlshaw Close, Shardlow, Derbys. DE7 2GS. Searching - WALLIS of All Saints, Derby 1800; WARRINGTON of St. Saughall, Chesh. 1796; PINDER of Thorney, Cambs. 1796; BAXTER of St. Neots, Cambs. 1856.

1611. Mr. Fred V. HOUSLEY, 257 Glengariff Rd., Massapequa Park, New York, U.S.A. 11762. Searching - HOUSLEY 1760 and MARRIOTT 1690, both of South Normanton, also MARRIOTT of Tibshelf 1690; SIMPSON of South Normanton 1690; HOUSLEY of Arnold, Notts. 1690; BELLABY of Nuthall, Notts. 1670.
1612. Mrs. Beryl E. STRETTON, 15 Stonehaven Crescent, Moorabbin, Victoria, Australia, 3189. Searching - STRETTON of Barton-under-Needwood and Tutbury, Staffs. and of Marchington, Staffs. also of Scropton, Church Broughton and Derby pre. 1875; and THORLEY.
1613. Mrs. Eileen M. BEECH, 14 Westcroft Crescent, Westfield, Sheffield S19 5EG. Searching - MILLTHORPE of West Riding, Yorks. 1839 and of London 1800; SWAN of West Riding, Yorks. 1816; RIMMINGTON of Leverton area, Notts. 1714; RODGERS of Chesterfield area 1764; TILLOTSON of Bradfield area Yorks. 1816; RHODES of Bradfield, Yorks. 1795; NEWTON of Clown 1788; THORNLEY of Bolsover 1817; FEMTON of Sturton/Walkeringham, Notts. 1712; DIMBERLINE of Tankersley, Yorks. 1840; WISTERNOFF and USTINOWITZ of anywhere pre. 1832.
1614. Mr. Michael L. PINDER, Brook Cottage, 11 Loads Rd., Holymoorside, Chesterfield, Derbys. Searching - NASH and SLATER both of Greenhillocks/Ripley 1858; LINGARD of Chesterfield 1871; WILSON of Chesterfield 1863; BLANKSBY of Duckmanton 1822.
1615. Mr. John W. BERRY, 3 Kirks Croft, Blidworth, Mansfield, Notts. NG21 OQU. Searching - BERRY of Derbyshire 1910.
1616. Mr. William P. FOULDS, April Cottage, 7 The Crescent, Farnborough, Hants. GU14 7AR. Searching - FOULDS of North Wingfield 1734; TORR of Old Brampton 1713; GERVAS of Tideswell 1689 and WEELDON of Tideswell early 18th cent.
1617. Mr. Arthur CUTHBERT, 2 Lathkill Drive, South Normanton, Derbys. DE55 2BD. Searching - CUTHBERT of Swineshead, Lincs. 1800; CARTWRIGHT of Kirton Holme, 1800; SEWELL and EVERITT both of New Sleaford, Lincs. 1800; EDES of Boston, Lincs. 1800; TAYLOR of Kirton Skeldyke, Lincs. 1800.
1618. Mr. & Mrs. John & Edith BLACKETT, 19 High St., Bishopton, Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, TS21 1EZ. Searching - DAVENPORT of Higham 1800; BEASTALL and CUPIT of South Wingfield 1800.
1619. Mr. William B. CLAYTON, 8 Smelterwood Ave., Stradbroke Est., Sheffield, S13 8RB. Searching - CLAYTON of Middleton/Wirksworth 1800; BURROWS of Kimberley, Notts. 1850; HAGUE of Whittington, Unstone and Staveley 1860.
1620. Mrs. Shirley E. HILL, 29 Whyteleafe Rd., Caterham, Surrey CR3 5EG. Searching - KEELING of Norbury/Roston 1838; BURTON of Manchester, Lancs. 1841; WESTON of Manchester, Lancs. 1841; HILL of Longton, Staffs. 1870; SPILSBURY of Norbury & Roston 1838; DEARDEN of Macclesfield, Chesh. 1848; FINKLE and variants of Whitby, Yorks. 1780; GREEN of Abingdon, Berks. 1781; COLLETT of Quinton, Glos. 1797; BRADER of Keelby, Lincs. 1813.
1621. Mrs. Janet M. SMITH, 4 Barmoor Cottages, Scalby, Scarborough, North Yorks. YO13 0PF. Searching - GODDARD and GREGORY both of Glossop area 1878.
1622. Mr. John A. BRIDGES, 41 Manor Farm Rd., Aston-on-Trent, Derbys. DE7 2BW. Searching - BRIDGES of Beeston, Norfolk 1818.
1623. Mr. John W. & Mrs. Maureen NEWTON, 64 Bestwood Rd., Hucknall, Nr. Nottingham, NG15 7PQ. Searching - NEWTON of Heather, Leics. 1746; KING of Gresley 1845; NAYLOR of Greasley, Notts. all dates; SAXTON of Greasley, Notts. 1834; WILBOURN(E)/WILBORN of Chesterfield/North Wingfield 1817; ELLIOTT of Brampton 1814; ROE (boatman) 1824; SKERMER of Belton, Leics. all dates; TATLOW of Leics./Derbys. border 1751; STAPLETON of Greasley, Notts. 1739; KIRK also of Greasley, Notts. 1815; COOKE of Ecclesfield, Yorks. 1813; JACKSON of Norton Hammer 1822 and of Eckington c.1775; FANSHAW of Eckington 1775; DENNIS of MEASHAM, Staffs. 1836; BURTON of Whitwick, Leics. 1861; BLINCO of East Haddon, Northants. 1786.
1624. Mr. Barry MARPLE, 6 Hill View Rd., Banchory, Kincardineshire AB3 9EG. Searching - MARPLE and GRANT of Belper 1853.
1625. Sqn. Ldr. Thomas YARWOOD, 92 Woodville Drive, Southsea, Portsmouth, Hants. PO1 2TC Searching - YARWOOD of Mellor 1868; MOTTERSHEAD of Ludworth 1868; BOLLINGTON of Mellor 1889.

1626. Mrs. Mary G. HARRISON, 3 Arborfield Court, Arborfield Cross, Reading, Berks. RG2 9JU. (no research interests received)
1627. Miss Hilary ARNOLD, 5 Edgerton Grove Rd., Huddersfield, Yorks. HD1 5QU. Searching BLANKSBY of Ault Hucknall 1831; HARLOW of Clowne 1819; ROGERS of Norton 1827; ARNOLD of Felkirk, Yorks. 1717 and of Chesterfield 1868; WOOLLEY 1831 and YATES 1833 both of Smallwood/Astbury, Cheshire.
1628. Mr. Mark J. WALKER, 'Stone Cottage', 70 Nethermoor Rd., Wingerworth, Chesterfield, Derbys. S42 6LM. Searching - WALKER of Tupton and Wingerworth.
1629. Corporal Michael J. GANLY, 24595796 Cpl. GANLY, RAPC. Unit Admin Office, 1 BN The Queens Rest, Lathbury Barracks, BFPO 52. Searching - GANLY anywhere at anytime; BATCHELOR of Strood, Kent; HOCKING of STROOD; LENG and WILSON of Yorkshire. All dates of interest.
1630. Mr. Archibald W. & Mrs. Lilian GARLAND, 'Hungerfield', The Street, Belstead, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP8 3LS. Searching - HIBBERD/HIBBERT of Pilsley 1886.
1631. Mr. Arthur JONES, 43 Heatherslade Rd., Southgate, Swansea SA3 2DD. Searching - JONES 1840 and WIBBERLEY 1838, both of Ashbourne; HOPKINS of Cubley 1833; SMITH of Dalbury Lees 1844; ALLCOCK of Woodeaves c.1837; DEY of Church Broughton 1846.
1632. Mr. David J. SMITH, 27 Piggott's End, Old Amersham, Bucks. HP7 OJF. Searching - JERVIS and TOWLE, both of Stapleford, Notts. and of Sawley/Sandiacre 1850; SMITH of St. Mary's, Nottingham 1850; DUROSE of Ockbrook 1900; BROOKS of Oldham, Lancs. 1920; GALLEY and NEALE, both of Cheltenham, Glos. 1845 & 1900.
1633. Mr. Earl K. HARVEY, 1897 Crater Lake Ave., Milpitas, California, U.S.A. 95035. Searching - HARVEY 1769, JENNINGS 1768, TOPHAM 1745, TAYLOR 1711, FIDLER 1723, HODG(E)KINSON 1745 and HARVEY 1752, all of South Wingfield; PARKER and OUTRAM of Derbys. 1848; BEES(T)ON of Eakring, Notts. 1772.
1634. Mr. Eric A. PEGG, 92 Kingsford St., Windsor, Christchurch 9, New Zealand. Searching - PEGG(E) of St. Werburgh, Derby. 1778.
1635. Mrs. Jean REYNOLDS, 79 McIntyre Rd., St. Johns, Worcester WR2 5LQ. Searching - JAMES of Derby 1850; SMITH of Coalville, Leics. 1876 and MANNING of Coalville 1870; SMITH of Church Gresley 1878.
1636. Mr. John WHITELEY, 144 Williamthorpe Rd., North Wingfield, Nr. Chesterfield, Derbys. S42 5NR. Searching - WHITELEY of Scammomdon, Yorks. 1841.
1637. Mrs. Barabara M. Marshfield, 'Woodbury', Newtown, West Tisbury, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP3 6NY. Searching - HUTCHINGS of Boythorpe/Chesterfield 1934.
1638. Mr. Jonathan P. WASS, 14 Saxilby Rd., Sturton-by-Stow, Lincoln LN1 2AB. Searching - WASS of Ault Hucknall 1778.
1639. Mrs. Barabera WEBB, Whittall House, 15 Whittall St., Kings Sutton, Banbury, Oxon, OX17 3RD. Searching - THORNLEY 1837, PIDOUX 1850, DOWDESWELL 1830 and ADAMS 1820, all of Stapenhill; MARSH of Marston 1857.
1640. Mr. Cecil WOOD, Copper Cottage, Mill Corner, Northiam, Rye, East Sussex, TN31 6HT. Searching - WOOD of Chesterfield 1800 and all Derbys. 1450.
1641. Mr. Jacob M. PRINCE, 1053 Millbranch Court, Columbus, Georgia, U.S.A. 31907. Searching - PRINCE of Derbyshire 18th & 19th centuries.
1642. Mrs. Grace WINTEROWD, 1016 Baker St., Salmon, Idaho, U.S.A. 83467. Searching - EARNSHAW and FARNSWORTH, both of Heanor 1791; PIERCE/PEARCE 1855 and HOLMES 1764 both of Heanor; GREGORY of Stoney Middleton 1847; WARNER of Ilkeston 1803.
1643. Mr. K. MILLER, 4 Springfield Rd., Chellaston, Derby DE7 1SL. (Research interests not received)
1644. Mr. A. BUXTON, 7 Unbery Close, Oakerthorpe, Derbys. (Research interests not received)
1645. Mr. Alan MITCHAM, 47 Lumley Rd., Burley, Leeds, West Yorks. LS4 2NH. Searching - DALLISON of St. Peter's and St. Werburgh's, Derby; RHODES of Derbyshire.

1646. Mrs. Betty Jones, 37 Longmeadows, Ponteland, Newcastle-on-Tyne, NE20 9DX. Searching - PLANT of Clowne c.1803; HEARNshaw and variants of Dronfield, c.1805; ROBSON of Hosbon/Osburn? Yorks. c.1735; WESTERMAN of Whitkirk, Yorks. c.1790.
1647. Mr. Brian & Mrs. Pamela MORTON, 8 Ullswater Crescent, Bramcote, Notts. NG9 3BE. Searching - GARSIDE 1800 and BURNES 1866, both of Hayfield/Glossop; BURNES of Cheshire; GODDARD of Chinley/Glossop 1800; MORTON of Kettlethulme/Taxal 1790.
1648. Mr. Peter G. WARD, 14 Stowe Crescent, Ruislip, Middlesex, HA4 7SS. Searching - WARD of Derby 1871; POYSER and CLARK also of Derby 1871; RICE of Doveridge or Ashbourne 1837.
1649. Mr. Harol W. RICE, 300 Candy Lane, Santa Cruz, California, U.S.A. 95060. Searching - RICE of St. Peter, Derby 1809; MOULT and STORER of St. Peter, Derby, 1780; NAYLOR of Beeston, Notts. 1842; PHILLIPS 1840 and WALMSLEY 1817, both of Stoke, Warwickshire.
1650. Mrs. Pamela A. LIVESLEY, 13 Redland Drive, Chilwell, Nottingham NG9 5JZ. Searching - LIVESLEY of New Mills and Glossop 1803.
1651. Mrs. Marena B. OWEN, 11 Coronation Ave., Alvaston, Derbys. DE2 0LQ. Searching - LUDLAM of Tansley nr. Matlock 1583-1884.
1652. Mrs. Helen SHINGLES, 10 Warwick Grove, Hartlepool, Cleveland TS26 9ND. Searching WEBSTER and GARRATT, both of Little Eaton early 1800's.
1653. Mrs. Irene WAGNER, 1432 Crawford Ave., Swift Current, Sask, Canada S9H 1E9. Searching - BOOTH of Chesterfield pre 1856 and poss. of Brampton area; BINGHAM of Chesterfield 1856.
1654. Mrs. Phyllis M. WOODWARD, 3 Gatcombe Close, Stretton, Burton-on-Trent, DE13 0EP. Searching - HARDWICK of Egginton 1841.
1655. Mrs. Christine CLEMENT, 37 Austin Rd., RD13, Hawera, New Zealand. Searching - COXON of SPONDON and of Southwell, Notts. all periods; BRADDOCK of Spondon House School; LEWIN of Spondon 1870; WARD of Finchley, Middlesex early 1800's, of Chepstow, Monmouth 1850's and of Borrowash early 1900's; GROSE of Tregony, Con. c.1835; SAUNDERS of Claydon, Oxford 1875; BALLINGER of Gloucester 1880.
1656. Miss Dorothy M. Philips, The Rhos House, Old Radnor, Presteigne, Powys. Searching - MARPLES of Chesterfield/Staveley also Cuckney, Notts. 1555; PLANT of Duckmanton 1760; ATTWOOD of Basingstoke, Hants. also London/Islington 1729; PHIL(L)IPS of Hemingborough and Howden Dyke/Selby, Yorks. 1800's; SPENCER of Sherbone, (St. John), Dorset 1729; PLANT of Sibsey/Boston, Lincs. 17th cent.
1657. Mr. Kevin NOBLE, 30 Albany Court, Earlsdon, Coventry, W. Midlands. Searching - NOBLE of Derby 1830; HALLOTT of Derby and Nottingham 1840; LLOYD and MARSHALL of Derby 1860; WARREN of Ashby/Loughborough, Leics. 1800; DRURY of Eagle and Hykeham, Lincs. 1800.
1658. Mr. Rodney E. BRADSHAW, 35 The Drive, Adel, Leeds, LS16 6BQ. Searching - FELL of Chesterfield and of Sheffield, Yorks both 1800; DORE of Ireland 1800; STEVENS and BECKETT of Tisbury, Wilts. both 1900; JUST of Portsmouth, Hants. 1930; NIGHTINGALE of Gr. Yarmouth, Norfolk 1900; EAREY of Sudbury, Suffolk, 1850; BORTON of Lambeth, Surrey 1850; SPRINGETT of Sible Hedingham, Essex 1850.

Where no county is given it can be assumed to be Derbyshire.

CORRECTIONS The following entries should read:

1510. Mr. Colin F. ROWLAND, 315 Nottingham Road, Toton, Notts. NG9 6EG.
1526. Mr. John Whittle Walker WAGSTAPPE, 2 Taddyforde Court, Exeter, Devon. EX4 4AR.
1572. Mr. Joseph A. HEACOCK, 15 Hague St., Glossop, Derbys. SK13 8NR. Searching - HEACOCK and all variations from anywhere at any time.
1303. Mr. & Mrs. E. & M. PRESSLEY, 6 Gorse Drive, Killamarsh, Sheffield S31 8FG. Mr. & Mrs. Pressley would like to change their research of JOHN BUTT, bn. c.1810. The 1861 census gave his birthplace as Somercotes and they have been searching for him in Derbyshire. A recent look at the 1871 census reveals that he was born at STOKE TRISTER, SOMERSET! Similarly, his wife has been found in three different census records, with three different ages.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

11. Mr. & Mrs. P. & G. MIDDLEHURST, 149 Lambourn Drive, Allestree, Derby DE3 2US.
314. Miss A. STREET, 25 Crestwood Court, Sheffield, South Yorks. S5 7DT.
484. Miss S.J. HARRISON, 28 Rockingham Close, Ashgate, Chesterfield, Derbys. S40 1JE.
679. Mr. T.H.K. WIGLEY, 96 Albert Street, Windsor, Berkshire SL4 5BU.
812. Mrs. S. BALDWIN, 1904 Robinson Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada S4T 2P3.
881. Mrs. B. HALL, "Holyoak" 135 Widney Lane, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3LD.
1148. Mr. P.F. GIBSON, Pound House, 5 The Maitlands, Brookthorpe, Glos. GL4 OXE.
1181. Miss E.S. GOSLING, Newington Court, 1, Collins Close, London N5 2UF.
1196. Mrs. S.V. KENNETT, 1601-2010 Islington Ave., Weston, Ontario M9P 3S8.
1197. Mr. J. CANTRILL, 'Cornerways', 51 Gresley Wood Rd., Church Gresley, Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. DE11 9QN.
1280. Rev. C.N. WRIGHT, 23 Windermere Drive, Rainford, St. Helens, Merseyside, WAll 7LD.
1299. Mrs. M.F. MASON, 'The Pines', Vicarage Rd., Yalding, Kent ME18 6DX.
1301. Mr. & Mrs. E. STEED, 72 Argyll Rd., Ripley, Derbys. DE5 3LH.
1377. Mr. P.E. TIDSALL, 'The Spinney', Penny Long Lane, Derby DE3 1AW,
1425. Mr. K. MARRIOTT, 3 Franklyn Rd., Brockwell, Chesterfield S40 4AY.
1448. Mrs. P. WOOD, Kviabol, Sheep Pen Lane, Seaford, Essex, BN25 4QR.
1552. Mr. W.I. McMAHON, 9/121 Old South Head Rd., Bondi Junction, N.S.W. Australia 2000.

Help Wanted

MOORE

Searching for info. on ISAAC MOORE of Pentrich Lane End. He lived for many years at Pentrich, but his birth c.1772 has not been found. The Moores were Stonemasons from the 1600's. Mr. T. Marriott-Moore, 8 Fownhope Avenue, Sale, Cheshire, M33 4RD. (Memb. no. 117)

HOCKLEY

Searching for info. on BENJAMIN HOCKLEY, born in White Roding, Essex 1850. Thought to have gone to Derbyshire c.1878 working as a coachman. Believed to have lived until the age of 90. Mr. A.T. Hockley, 28 Pemberton Ave., Gidea Park, Romford, Essex.

COXON LEWIN WARD

Baptism of PETER, son of THOMAS COXON parish clerk of Spondon needed c.1820-30's. There is one on the Mormon IGI but is listed as dying in infancy. Also needed marriage of CHARLES COXON and CLARA LEWIN c.early 1900's. CHARLES was a saddler/harness maker. Also needed, death and burial info. of WILLIAM GEORGE WARD, 1933-1947. Lived at Fairfield, Derby Rd., Borrowash

Can any reader tell me if E.J. Kenedy, author of 'INGREDERE UT PROFICIAS - SPONDON HOUSE SCHOOL' is still alive, or if the notes he used to write the book are available. The book is on the history of Spondon House School, and many of my ancestors are mentioned in the book, and were involved with the school for many years. My grandmother, KATHLEEN COXON (WARD) taught there in 1924/5. I have a copy of this book. Does anyone know details of the 'SAMUEL ALCOCK SPONDON CHARITY? Mrs. Christine Clement, 37 Austin Road, R.D. 13 Hawera, New Zealand. (Memb. no. 1655)

JACKSON

Searching for parents of JOHN JACKSON and his wife HANNAH WAGG. JOHN was bn. c.1811 at Church Broughton. HANNAH was bn. c.1808 at Barrow on Trent. Married 11 June 1832 at Hartshorne. Death dates unknown. Lived in village of Normanton on 1861 census. Mrs. S.V. Kennett, 1601-2010, Islington Ave., Weston, Ontario M9P 3S8. (Memb. no. 1196)

PLANT

Seeking bap. of CHARLES PLANT and his parents, bn. c.1803 at Clowne. He married ELLEN HEARNshaw at Chesterfield on 30th April 1829. He was a tenant farmer of the Duke of Devonshire, farming first at Hague Lane, Mastin Moor, Staveley from 1840 to approx. 1861. He then moved to Pond House Farm, Staveley until 1870. I have no trace of him after that, can anyone help please? Mrs. B. Jones, 37 Longmeadows, Ponteland, Newcastle-on-Tyne, NE20 9DX (Memb. no. 1646)

PRINCE

Seeking info. on THOMAS bn. c.1826 and JOSEPH bn. c.1831 PRINCE, somewhere in Derbyshire. Parents believed to be GEORGE and SARAH. They came to the U.S.A. in 1854 and settled in Trenton, New Jersey. Mr. J.M. Prince, 1053 Millbranch Court, Columbus, Georgia 31907, U.S.A. (Memb. no. 1641)

BOSWORTH

Marriage needed of WILLIAM BOSWORTH and ANN ----? William was bn. 1791 at Stone, Birmingham and d. Derby 1876. Ann was bn. c.1793 in Somerset and d.1866. William was in the 43rd Light Infantry in France, Portugal, Ireland and Gibraltar 1809-1830. Was a Chelsea Pensioner, also a Derby Letter Carrier 1830-1845. Resided at 14 Forrester Street, Hill Brow, South Street. Memorial plaque to William and Ann on the wall of St. Luke's, but partly covered by painting. Sons JOHN HENRY (1831) and FREDERICK (1833) St. Werburgh's, (d.1884) Upholsterer, where? Postage refunded and help given with research at the Record Office Winchester. Mrs J. Ayling, 51 St. Ives Park, Ashley Heath, Ringwood, Hants. BH24 2JX. (Memb. no. 1206)

SLACK

Info. on date and place of birth of MATHEW SLACK, bn.c.1758 needed. He marr. ANN WHARTON 22.4.1785 in Ashover. (b.o.t.p.). He died in Ashover on 15.4.1810 aged 52 yrs. Also any info. on HENRY SLACK, miller and farmer, and his family after 1870, when he was working at Langley Mill, nr. Heanor for Samuel and Ann Beardsley. He was bn. at Fritchley, Crich to JAMES and MARTHA (HARRISON) SLACK and bapt. 25.10.1840. He marr. FANNY PORTER on 29.6.1868 at Ashover, when they both lived in Lea. They had a daughter, ANNIE HARRISON, in Jan. 1869, at Langley Mill. FANNY died (date unknown) and HENRY remarried - date, place, wife and family unknown, except for a dau. MARY. Mrs. C.M. Sterry, Watergate House, Upper Basildon, Reading, Berks. RG8 8NT. (Memb. no. 1518)

**STRETTON
DEVERILL
HOPKINS
MILNER
THORLEY**

JOHN STRETTON bapt. 1748, Tutbury, Staffs. marr. SARAH DEVERILL 1773, at Church Broughton, Derbys., son JOHN bapt. 1782, marr. MARY HOPKINS, 1808, then MARY MILNER 1815 C.B. (Farm-Water Lane, Scropton), Son WILLIAM bapt. 1816, marr MARY ? (Publican "Rose & Crown" T.). Son JOHN HOPKINS STRETTON bapt. 1837 (Fruit Dealer of Sadler Gate, Derby) marr. LOUISA THORLEY, 1862 at St. Werburgh, Derby. Son WILLIAM JOHN b. 1863 (my father), grew up at Marchington, at "Dog & Partridge Inn". His grandfather, JOHN THORLEY was Publican, until emigrating to Australia in 1875. Desire to correspond with any descendants of the above or their sisters or brothers to exchange info. Beryl Stretton, 15 Stonehaven Crescent, Moorabbin, Victoria, 3189, Australia. (Memb. no. 1612)

SHEPHERD

Info. needed on THOMAS SHEPHERD, blacksmith, b.1772, Heath, Derbys. d, Doveridge 1843. (Parents SAMUEL and ELIZABETH SHEPHERD. He marr. MARTHA WOOLLEY at Doveridge 1810. She was b. at Doveridge 1777,d.1859, at Doveridge. They had children ELLEN (1802, Burton-on-Trent, d.1866, at Doveridge), JESSE (1808, Uttoxter, Staffs., marr HANNAH ?), MARY ANN (1810 Burton-on-Trent), SAMUEL (1811, Doveridge, marr.(1) SARAH COPE 1837, (2) MARY ANN UDAHL 1851), THOMAS (1813, Uttoxter, Staffs., marr. SARAH EVANS 1838), ELIZABETH (1815, Uttoxter, Staffs.), HANNAH (1817, Uttoxter), WILLIAM,(b.2 Oct.1818, b.1892 Colo. USA, marr. ANN CHATFIELD, b.1819 Doveridge), SARAH,(marr. JAMES TOPLESS 1829). Also searching HOLCOMB(E) of England. Any help would be appreciated. Mrs.R. Holcomb, 365 Mistletoe Circle, Corvallis, Oregon,U.S.A. 97330. (Memb. no. 685)

TOMLIN

Searching for ancestry of WILLIAM TOMLIN who bought land in USA near N.J. in 1776 and died in Goshen, Cape. May Co., NJ in 1804. Wife MARTHA -----?. Children: MARY, marr. JOHN LOCK 1780; SARAH, b. 1761; WILLIAM, Jr. b. 30 Sept. 1764; BENAJAH b. 1766; MILICENT marr. JACOB GARRETSON; JEDEDIAH b. 1771; DRUCILLA b.1779; MARTHA m. ----- BANKS; MATTEW; and SAMUEL. Apparently William was related to Matthew Tomlin (1685-1782) of Gloucester Co., NJ after 1728. Were any or all the above born in or near Ken , England, or elsewhere in England? Can anyone give info. about these individuals or the TOMLIN family? These TOMLINS may have been Welsh before going to England and then to America. Margaret T. Bellattii, RR 1, Jacksonville, Illinois U.S.A. 62650. (Memb. no.738)

WILLINGTON

Searching for info. on JOSEPH WILLINGTON, marr. HANNAH ----? They christened MARY LOUISA WILLINGTON at Findern 15.7.1834. Also searching for references to the families of BROOKES, MADDOCKS, CRAWFORD, MOORE, LEADBEATER, PARSONS, AGER and LIVERSIDGE of Birmingham, 19th cent. Also SCOTT and MURPHY of London, 19th cent. and MURPHY of County Waterford, 19th cent. and TRAVERS-MURPHY of London or Eire. Also LABISZYNSKI /LABISCHINSKI of Prussia or Poland 19th cent. Lynn Murphy, "Willowtree", 10 Fairways, Dilton Marsh, Wilts. BA13 3RU (Memb. no. 1563)

SCOTT
FORD
JAGGER
BOWER

Seeking info. on the these names. The families are all from the area of Chesterfield. The SCOTTs were rope and sackmakers and in business in Chesterfield c.1840, on Packers Row. GEORGE JAGGER marr. MARY BOWER in 1803 and had 12 children born between 1804 and 1830. There must be some descendants attempting their family history! Please write to Barbara Clarke (Mrs) 6648 Chukar Drive, Kamloops, B.C. Canada, V2C 4T7. (Memb. no. 1342)

HEACOCK

Any info. needed on PHILIP HEACOCK, Ducal Agent in Buxton 1801-1851. Also WILLIAM HEACOCK, Vicar at Barrow-on-Trent 1825-1838. And on THOMAS HEACOCK, living in the Appletree Hundred of Derbys. c.1620. Help with any of the above will be appreciated by Mr. J. Heacock, 15 Hague Street, Glossop, Derbys. SK13 8NR. (Memb. no. 1572)

SLATER
ROWLEY

Would appreciate info. on BENJAMIN and ELIZABETH SLATER of Duffield, who had 3 sons: BENJAMIN bpt. 1 Feb. 1778, JOHN bpt. 17 May 1780 and ISAAC bpt. 8 Sept. 1783. What was their occupation? BENJAMIN marr. ALICE STREET, 31 March 1823 at Allestree and had 2 sons, SAMUEL bpt. 13 July 1823 at Kirk Ireton and SAMPSON bpt. 30 March 1825 also at Kirk Ireton. Wanted, date of Samuel's marr. to ALICE ROWLEY of Mickleover. They lived at Breadsall Moor. It is thought that Sampson emigrated to U.S.A. Please contact Dorothy M. Slater, 3-30 Spence Street, Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada S4S 4H4. (Memb. no. 600)

BARNSLEY
CRITCHLOW
REDMAN

Marriage needed of WILLIAM REDMAN pre 1856, (son of BENJAMIN and ANN, bn. Gainsborough 1825) to ANN BARNSLEY. A dau. LOUISA GRACE was born in Lincs. 1856. Who was ANN BARNSLEY? GRACE LOUISA emigrated to Australia in 1870. Presumably her parents went with her. Any info. welcome. GEORGE CRITCHLOW and wife CHARLOTTE (nee BARNSLEY), living at Townend Farm, Aldwark, Derbys. 1871, ages 42 and 47 respectively. CHARLOTTE, dau. of GEORGE BARNSLEY, who died 1876. Any info. on the above will be very welcome. Mrs. D. Townend, 62 Smithywood Lane, Dodworth, Barnsley S. Yorks. S75 3NJ. (Memb. no. 471)

WHEELDON
TURNER
WASS

Interested in contacting anyone researching the name WHEELDON/WHELDON. Info. is needed on GEORGE WHEELDON bn. Ramshorn, Staffs c.1772, according to the 1851 census for Sutton, Notts. His wife HANNAH gives her place of birth as Mayfield, Staffs. I have 3 couples who fit the above two names. Can anyone help? Also needing info. on TURNER and WASS of Moorgreen, Notts. 1800's. Searching for a cottage in Moorgreen which is said to have been in the family for 200 years. I am told that a member of the TURNERS still lives there. Does anyone know where this cottage is? Would like to contact if poss. anyone tracing the family of TURNER in the Annesley Woodhouse area 1732. Mrs. D. Turner, Greystones, The Avenue, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Notts. NG17 1GJ. (Memb. no. 1260)

ARMITAGE
CLAYTON
FELLOWS
FENTON
GLOVER
KIRK(E)
PEALL
WHITE

Would like to trace descendants or anyone who knows about (1) ELKANAH ARMITAGE of Hope Hall (Nr. Manchester)? who marr. ELIZABETH KIRK in 1839. (2) MARY, dau. of GEORGE CLAYTON and SARAH, bpt. 10.3.1750 at Ault Hucknall. (3) ELIHU SAMUEL FELLOWS, marr. 2nd wife JULIANA WHITE 12.2.1828 at Staveley. (4) EMILY, dau. of JAMES FENTON, marr. VERNON KIRKE ARMITAGE, son of ELKANAH and ELIZABETH ARMITAGE - exact marr. date not known, but before 1865. (5) STEPHEN GLOVER (bn. c.1800 in Wirksworth, he produced Directories of Derbyshire and Notts. in years 1825-1850, was an Auctioneer and Estate Agent. When did he marry and where? (6) HENRY KIRK of 'The Eaves'? (7) SARAH WHITE (sister of JULIANA?) marr. EDWARD PEALL 29.1.1793 at Chesterfield. (8) JULIANA WHITE, dau. of JOHN and ELIZABETH WHITE, bpt. 12.1. 1777 at Elder Yard Presbyterian Chapel, Chesterfield. Pamela King, 69 Hillcrest, Whitley Bay, Tyne and Wear, NE25 9AF. (Memb. no. 1252)

BRADSHAW

Searching for info. on JOHN BRADSHAW who marr. SARAH ANN WILEMAN on May 28. 1849 at Hasland, Derbys. at the age of 18 years. Sailed to Australia in 1853 with children, HARRIETT, MARIA and HENRY. JOHN believed to have been born in Nottingham. Mrs. Z. Silverlock, 65 Ozone Terrace, Kalamunda, Western Australia 6076. (Memb. no. 1437)

CLAYTON

Need contact with families of JOHN CLAYTON, bn. 11 Nov. 1792 at Fairfield, Derbys., thought to be brother of EDWARD, Historian of Fairfield. His wife was HANNAH STALEY/STAVELEY/STANLEY of Bakewell, Derbys. Dau. EMILY, bn. 1818 at Fairfield, marr. HENRY WAITE, bn. 1813(at Tonbridge, Kent), at St. George's, Hanover Square, London. Their son WILLIAM HENRY WAITE marr. DRUCILLA HERRING at Windlesham, Surrey and emigrated to London, Ontario, Canada, early 1900. Mrs. J. Dancy, 20900 Winkel St., Clare Shores, Michigan, U.S.A.48081. (Memb.no. 1447)

WOOD
BRADLEY
ROBERTS

A pedigree of the WOOD family (which includes T.P. WOOD, Alderman and thrice Mayor of Chesterfield c.1880) appears on pages 282-286 of Pym Yeatman's 'History of the Borough of Chesterfield'. The earliest member shown is HUMFREY WOOD, 'Gent. of Derby, Co. Derby' who was probably born c.1500. He is said to have been the elder brother of the Rev. CHARLES WOOD, Vicar of All Saint's church, Derby, between 1576 and 1592. Can anyone confirm this relationship or provide info. about CHARLES WOOD and his parentage and family?

HENRY BRADLEY of Chesterfield had two daughters. The elder, MARY, born c. 1810 married twice. First to WALKER and had two daughters, ANNIE, bn.1831 and MARY ELIZABETH, bn. 1837. Both daughters were unmarried and living at Spring Bank House, Ashgate road, Chesterfield at the time of the 1871 census. Mary's second marriage, as a widow, took place in 1838 to Commander JOHN WOOD R.N. Their son JOHN MICHAEL BRADLEY WOOD (1839-1874) was a Captain in the 31st (Huntingdonshire) Regiment, who served in China, but died in Chesterfield whilst on leave, from typhoid fever. Commander WOOD was the elder brother of T.P. WOOD, (mentione above), and had a son JAMES LAMBERT WOOD from an earlier marriage. HENRY BRADLEY's second dau., christian name unknown, marr. ROBERTS, and their son HENRY BRADLEY ROBERTS became a Colonel in the Army, eventually retiring to live, in 1890, in Frieburg, Baden. Can anyone help with information on any of the foregoing persons? Mr. C.H. Wood, Copper Cottage, Mill Corner, Northiam, East Sussex, TN31 6HT. (Memb. no. 1640)

WILKINS

Bapt. sought of JOHN WILKINS, son of JOHN WILKINS, printer, c.1833. In 1871 and 1881 censuses my gt.gt. grandfather (an iron turner, moulder or fitter) stated he was bn. in Derby. However, no record of his bapt. is in any of the Derby Anglican or Nonconformist registers and I cannot find him in 1841, 1851 or 1861 census. First record I have is his marr. on 10 July 1854 in St. Paul's, Derby, to MARIA HAYES, when his father is recorded as JOHN WILKINS, printer. Have found no connection with prominent Derby Baptists and printers, GEORGE (1773-148), WILLIAM (1810-1884) and GEORGE (1830-1886). Was possibly son of JOHN WILKINS, printer, (bn. Manchester c.1807) who marr. SARAH MELLORS at Duffield 18 April 1831. Search of Belper parish registers, 1831-1835, has revealed bapt. of their children, WILLIAM 1831, and MARY 1833, but no son JOHN. By the time of 1841 census (when living in Cheapside, Belper), John has wife MARY. This couple had children, JOHN (bn. Derby c.1848) and SARAH (bn. c.1859) and at time of 1851 census, were living at 24 Bath St., Derby. John's children marr. (all in St. Peter's, Derby) as follows: WILLIAM, wid., printer, to ELLEN HARRISON 1861; JOHN, printer, to SUSANNAH SHEPPERD 1869; and SARAH, mill hand, to SAMUEL HOWLETT, lab. 1880. I would be delighted to hear from any of their descendants or from anyone who may have spotted the bapt. of JOHN WILKINS, c.1833. Mrs. F. Wilkins-Jones, Gable End Cottage, 5 Leas Court, Hellesdon Road, Norwich NR6 5ES. (Memb. no. 1558)

RIDE
EVANS
HUNT
BOAM
RUDGE

Does anyone have info. on the following people: NOAH RIDE (bn. Sept. 29. 1822 in Belper) and his wife, ANN EVANS, who were marr. May 22. 1849 in Harbourne, Staffs.; WILLIAM RIDE and his wife ELIZABETH, who had 14 children, all bapt. in Mugginton (1788-1811); the parents of WILLIAM HUNT who was bapt. Dec. 26, 1761 in Mugginton; SAMUEL RIDE and ANN BOAM, who were marr. July 9. 1759 in Mugginton; the parents of WILLIAM RUDGE, (who marr. EMMA NICHOLS on July 8. 1850 in St. Phillips Church, Birmingham, and who may have come from Lichfield, Staffs)? Please contact Evelyn Fowler, 6 Queen's Rd., Pointe Claire, Quebec, Canada H9R 4E9. (Memb. no. 1340)

SMITH

Searching for any info. about WALTER RICHARD SMITH, bn. c.1820-23. Two census returns state at Derby and Ripley. Son of WALTER SMITH, smith, who believe married widowed mother of HARRIET JOHNSON, bn. Derbyshire c.1812, half sister of WALTER RICHARD SMITH who became master boiler maker in the Spanish Naval Dockyard at El Ferrol 1856-64. Later licensed victualler, Lewisham, Kent, where he and Harriet Johnson died 1903 and 1891 respectively. Mr. K.N. Smith, 44 Culerhay, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 1PR.

FREEMAN
JACKSON

I cannot find the following on the Notts. side of the boarder, has anyone come across them in Derbyshire? (1) bap. of JAMES FREEMAN 1738-48; (2) parents of MARY JACKSON marr. JAMES FREEMAN 6.5.1768, Edwinstow; (3) parents of JANE WOODWARD marr. JAMES FREEMAN 29.11.1791, Norton Cuckney; (4) Marriage of JAMES FREEMAN and widow ALLIN (reputed to be Miss Swanwick) Newton/Blackwell by Alfreton 1897-1911. I am told the Allins were in 'pianos'. Mrs. V. Jackson, 49 Conholt Road, Andover, Hants. SP10 2HS. (Memb. no. 56)

SHAW
WRIGHT
NIXON
WORROLL
WILLIAMS
WILLIAMSON
ALSIBROOK
LEA/LEE
SHARDLOW
NORCUP

I would greatly appreciate receiving any info. on the following and will gladly reimburse postage etc. ABSOLOM SHAW bn. 17 April 1867, Tunstall, Staffs. marr. 24 Oct. 1894 at All Saints. Lucknow, India, SARAH WRIGHT, dau. of GEORGE WRIGHT, poss. of Ireland. He was the son of THOMAS SHAW and MARY ANN NIXON, poss. of Ireland. Also JOSEPH WORROLL, son of JOSEPH WORROLL and ESTHER PARR. Husband of HANNAH CATHERINE WILLIAMS, father of JAMES WORROLL, bn. 26 June 1901, Derby. Also FRANK ALSIBROOK son of GEORGE WILLIAM ALSIBROOK, husband of AGNES HANNAH WILLIAMSON and father of CONSTANCE ANNE ALSIBROOK, bn. 6 Sept. 1905, Derby ans still living in Derby. WILLIAM LEA/LEE who died 1924-1929, of consumption in Old Folks Hospital, Fenton, Staffs. He was consort to SARAH SHARDLOW NORCUP and they had 4 children, of these EMMA MAY NORCUP bn. 1899, at Stoke-on-Trent, was wife of WILLIAM SHAW, son of Absolom. Mrs. E. Kemp, Francois Lake, British Columbia, Canada, VOJ 1RO. (Memb. no. 1421)

A BRIDGE ON THE SKEW IN DERBY:

Sheila Llewellyn (Memb. no.893), of 15 Burcot Park, Burcot, Abingdon, Oxon. OX14 3DH, is seeking info. about the whereabouts of stone masons' work carried out by Beresfords of Hathersage, in particular the site of a bridge with stone balustrading, possibly in Derby, set across a river "on the skew". It may have some 60 short turned stone pillars, and may once have also had at its approach, the tall fluted stone lamp post surrounded by a circular stone seat which is now in the English Garden at Elvaston Castle. Information also requested about when and why this was removed.

Help Offered

KELLY'S DIRECTORY: 1904 DERBYS., NOTTS., LEICS., & RUTLAND; (Listing people holding official positions, business people and craftsmen). For information from the above Directory, write to Mrs. M. Brooksbank, 49 Riber Ave., Somercotes, Derbys (Memb. no. 1360)

WINCHESTER: Mrs. J. Ayling, 51 St. Ives Park, Ashley Heath, Ringwood, Hants. (Memb. no. 1206) offers help with research at Winchester Record Office. (See HELP WANTED, page 7)

ALFRETON B.Ts: I have photocopies of Bishop's Transcripts extant for Alfreton 1668 - 1762. Will search for members in return for S.A.E. Mrs. Marion Petford, 14 Wilde Close, Kings Heath Birmingham B14 6LN. (Memb. no. 1063)

LANCASHIRE RECORD OFFICE: Mrs. Margaret Dempsey of 4 Hall Drive, Caton, Lancaster LA2 9QE (Memb. no. 1261) is willing to carry out specific searches for members at the Lancashire Record Office, Preston, although her time there is limited during the summer months.

STRETTON: Beryl Stretton, 15 Stonehaven Cres. Moorabbin, Victoria, 3189, Australia, has access to births, deaths & marriages in Australia to the name STRETTON up to 1895 and early shipping records to MELBOURNE. Beryl offers to do research for members who may have connections in Australia, in exchange for information in Staffs. and Derbys.

PLEASE REMEMBER: It is essential to enclose a stamped and addressed envelope, or, in case of overseas members, two International Reply Coupons or British Postage Stamps when writing for help. (see your information sheet included within this issue)

HELLO from the SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN.

We look forward to meeting more of you at our various meetings throughout the year. A full programme of events is included in the journal, PLEASE DO NOTE CAREFULLY THE DATES we cannot keep a consistent pattern due to Alfreton Hall being an Educational Establishment and it closing for school holidays. The benefits outweigh the disadvantages, Alfreton Hall was once the home of the Palmer Moorwood family and the grounds have lovely open views, to the west across to Crich and the northwest to Ashover. The large hall where we hold our meetings and the coffee lounge are both very impressive looking rooms that encourage ones memory to wonder back into the past.

The Annual General Meeting has come round once again, remember this is where you elect your Officers and Committee (Committee Members need to have been a member of the Society for one year). Nominations may be submitted in writing beforehand or made from the floor at the Annual General meeting. A report of the meeting will be given in June Branch News.

Please Do Read Carefully the enclosed Information Sheet, it will we are sure answer some of the questions many of you ask.

1987 will with your help be another successful year. The Society has progressed a long way in the last ten years and we can continue to do so providing the work load is shared. There is one important area which needs covering to enable the Society to offer a better service to members, can you help? We need a reliable member who is willing to work for the Society as Members Interest Co-ordinator, you will need to have a computer with a large memory.....you do not have to be on the committee but you will be playing a very important role in our Society.....interested? then please do contact us.

Finally THANK YOU to all of you who are helping in any way, we have more people than ever helping with Society Projects, it is very rewarding for everyone.

RECORD OFFICE NEWS

In December 1986 we went along to the County Record Office at Matlock to meet the County Archivist Miss Joan Sinar. We also spoke to other members of the Record Office Staff including the archivists and other people who work behind the scenes repairing and preserving the many records that are deposited there.

We toured the strong rooms both in the present building and in the Ernest Baily School where eventually a new and much larger search room will be available for the many users of the Record Office.

Seeing the vast amount of material and its present storage situation, helped us to understand a little of the difficulties faced by the staff. Miss Sinar also appreciates the problems of the people who use the Record Office, be it Family Historians, Local Historians, Students etc. The County Council have recognised the problems by searchers and staff alike and at last an improved County Record Office for Derbyshire is underway. It is hoped that the new Search Room will be open in 1988, many of you we know will eagerly await this date.

Meanwhile we can all help by remembering a few basic rules:-

*Do phone well beforhand to reserve a seat in the Search Room - space is limited.
Tel: Matlock (0629) 3411 ext 7347*

If you find you cannot keep your appointment then please do phone and say so, your seat can then be given to a last minute caller.

Malcolm & Pauline Marples

SOUTH NORMANTON "A VILLAGE OF CONSIDERABLE EXTENT" by Pamela Sharpe. Several members have enquired about this book and we must inform you that it is now out of print.

COMPUTER CORNER

We know many members are using computers in relation to their family history and this is another area where you can help one another. Member Bill Edwards is keen to create further interest in this field, the general idea would be initially to have an interchange of information and to see how members can help each other and pass on their findings to others. At a later date the knowledge gained could be applied to aiding the Society.

In order to get this off the ground Bill would like to know:-

- How many own Computers or are interested?
- Which make or model?
- The type of programme being used?
- Any specific tasks being undertaken?

From your replies he will then try and organise some information exchange. Write to Mr W.L Edwards, 36 Bloomfield Way, Coton Green, Tamworth, Staffs, BL9 8LS

WILLS INDEX

Recently, the index of persons named in Derbyshire wills has been handed over to D.F.H.S. At present the index contains only a couple of hundred names but I am sure there are many members who have wills from which names could be extracted and added to the index as it now stands. Below is an example of how the index slips should be set out (on slips 5 ins. by 3 ins.) and I hope that members will send in as many names as they can so that the " Wills" index can be expanded for the benefit of us all. Ultimately, the information will be open to enquiries and I hope to say more on that point in the next Branch News

SMITH		DERBYS.
Jane	wife of testator	E & B
Thomas	son " " , of Stoke,	B
William,	brother of testator, of Derby	W
Testator - Dan'l Smith of Derby, cordwainer Probate granted at Lichfield 6th May 1814		

E = Executor B = Beneficiary W = Witness

Please note that a slip should be made for each person, or group of people where a surname is shared, mentioned in the will. A separate slip should be made for the testator listing all other names found in his will, as well as his place of residence, plus date and place of probate.

Index slips should be forwarded to me at the address in the front of Branch News. Happy indexing

Christine Ward. (Co-ordinator)

MEETINGS REPORT

At our November meeting we heard a talk by Alison Morrish of the Cusworth Hall Museum in Doncaster. The theme of the talk was Birth, Marriage and Death in Victorian Times. The talk was illustrated with slides of exhibits from the museum, and largely concentrated on the middle and upper classes. Miss Morrish told of the typical up-bringing of a Victorian child, of the early life in the nursery with the nanny, and the grooming and strictness for later life. She told us of Victorian marriages - very grand affairs with much preparation, with slides of fashions of the time, and an explanation of marriage for a middle class family.

Finally Miss Morrish told us of the Victorian attitude to death, the funeral, and dress for the mourners. The epidemics of the time which brought about the start of public cemeteries when small churchyards could no longer cope with the victims of such epidemics as Smallpox, Cholera and Typhoid.

Susan Bloodworth

DECEMBER:

The December meeting 'An Old Fashioned Christmas' was certainly different. Our meeting room (once the dining-room of the Palmer-Morewood family) was decorated in the festive way, the focal point being the huge fireplace, by which stood a Christmas tree. Members of the committee were dressed in old fashioned clothes and we were delighted to have a visit from Father Christmas who was accompanied by his wife. Old fashioned presents were displayed, from the apple, orange, nuts, and a few new pennies, to books, toys and dolls of more than 50 years old.

Pauline and Malcolm showed slides of Christmas preparations and activities, when Pauline announced the arrival of Christmas baby Christopher Bagworth. Pauline also read a passage describing what Christmas was like in the Workhouse - far removed from what we can imagine. Carol Marples entertained us by playing Christmas carols on her flute and also accompanied Mary Johnson with her impromptu solo.

Coffee and mince pies were enjoyed whilst people chatted, and looked at the exhibits. We thank everyone who contributed in any way to this enjoyable evening, either by bringing an exhibit, mince pies, dressing up, taking part in the entertainment or just attending and being part of 'An Old Fashioned Christmas'.

JANUARY:

Despite the weather conditions about 30 members and friends braved the snow and ice to attend the January meeting which was the only one to be held at the Hall that week. We are grateful to the two members of the Heanor & District Local History Society for keeping their appointment to speak at this meeting. They brought along slides of 'Old Heanor and District' which included those of buildings now disappeared and some which have taken their place. The first was of Codnor Castle, the oldest building in the area. Through these slides we saw the changes which have taken place and we noted the dress of the days gone by. Transport through the ages was covered from the canals to trams, buses and trains. We were taken on journeys through slide, to various areas around Heanor through which these modes of transport passed

CHESTERFIELD NEWS

We are now looking forward to the second year of the Chesterfield Branch, the first year having passed very successfully. When we reflect that at the end of 1985 five local members met, and prepared a years events, not knowing what to expect. We can only say that due to the enthusiasm of our members, we all experienced a great year.

At short notice, we filled the December meeting by a slide show, with a difference! This was followed by a supper, especially for those who appreciate the sweeter foods of life. The evening drawing to a close with the "ceremonial" cutting of a birthday cake by Mike Sims.

We have prepared the programme for 1987 and hope that the foundations laid in 1986 will be built upon. Hope to see you during the year. All are welcome at our meetings. Here's to the future!

Malcolm Pearce

SURNAMES FROM THE MEMORIAL INSCRIPTIONS OF ST. CLEMENT, HORSLEY. (Churchyard only)

ANNABLE	DAVENPORT	LAMB	SEAL
APPELTON	DIDCOCK	LAMBERT	SEVERN
ABBOTT	DRAPER	LANDERS	SHAW
ADAMS	EADSON	LANGTON	SHELDON
ALDREAD	ELLIOTT	LEE	SHERLOCK
BAILEY	ELSE	LITCHFIELD	SIMPSON
BARBER	EWINS	MARSHALL	SITWELL
BARNES	FAKE	MELLOR	SLACK
BARDILL	FERGUSON	MIDDLETON	SLATER
BEARDMORE	FISHER	MILLS	SMALLWOOD
BEARDSLEY	FLETCHER	MILWARD	SMITH
BEESTON	FORD	MITCHELL	SNEAP
BELL	FOULK(ES)	MOORE	SPENCER
BERESFORD	FRANCIS	MORLEY	SPURR
BINGHAM	FULLER	MORRIS	SQUIRES
BIRCH	GARDING	MOSS	STAFFORD
BIVENS	GARTER	MUSSON	STONE
BODEN	GAUNT	MUXHAM	SUTTON
BONEHAM	GERRARD	NEEDHAM	TARLTON
BOOTH	GILBERT	NICHOLSON	TAYLOR
BOWLER	GRACE	NIXON	THOMPSON
BOWMER	GRAINGER	OATES	TRED
BRADLEY	GREEN	PARADINE	VICKERS
BRAMKEY	HALL	PARKER	WAFTERS
BRANSON	HARRISON	PARKIN(S)	WAINWRIGHT
BRASSINGTON	HASLAM	PASSEY	WALBERTON
BROOKS	HAWKINS	PEAT/PEET	WALKER
BROWN	HAYES	PICKBURN	WALLIS
BUCKLE	HAYNES	PIGGOTT	WALTERS
BULL	HENSON	POUNDALL	WA(L)THALL
BURGOYNE	HOLLOWAY	PRINCE	WELCH
BURTON	HOLMES	RAYNER	WEST
BUTLER	HOPE	REEVES	WHEATCROFT
CALLADINE	HORSLEY	RHODES	WHEATLEY
CARDING	HORSPOOL	RICE	WHEELER
CHADWICK	HOWITT	RICHARDSON	WHITEMAN
COLBURN	HUDSON	RILEY	WILSON
COLLEDGE	HUNTER	ROBERTS	WILTON
COOPER	JACKSON	RYCROFT	WINSON
COTTON	JOHNSON	SADLER	WOODHOUSE
COWL	JORDAN	SALE	WOODWARD
CRESSWELL	KERRY	SCHOFIELD	WOOLLEY
CROFTS	KNIFTON	SCOTT	WOTTON
CROOKS			WRIGHT
CROSSLAND			YEOMANS

Details for specific surnames from Winifred Waterall (M.I. Co-ordinator)

COVER PICTURE: The village of Horsley lies approx. 6 miles N.E. of Derby and the church of St. Clement, dating mainly from the 14th cent. is a conspicuous landmark from the Derby to Sheffield road. A castle once stood here which was probably destroyed in the 15th cent. and of which nothing remains. The earliest mention of the castle occurs in 1199 and its repairs are mentioned in Pipe Rolls.

Horsley is one of several parishes which have claimed to be the birthplace of Dick Turpin. The name Turpin is certainly found in the registers until the 19th cent. and a John Tyrpin was churchwarden in 1599.

The parish covers Kilburn and Coxbench, but at one time was much larger, although the population was quite small until the development of coalmining and other industries.

The registers date from 1558 and are deposited at the Record Office, Matlock from that date until the late 1800's. These have not been filmed and the originals are available to searchers.

"In affectionate remembrance of Hubert, the beloved son of Charles and Ann Brewer, who was killed at Stamford Street Chapel, November 18th 1891 aged 15 years. Not lost, but gone before".

Reads a gravestone in Stanton Road Cemetery, Ilkeston.

Hubert Brewer was 15 and employed as an office boy at the Manners Colliery Company. He lived in East Street, Ilkeston, with his parents, Ann and Charles Brewer, who was a farm labourer.

On Wednesday, 18th November, 1891, Ann took her family to the Methodist New Connexion Chapel in Stamford Street. A magic lantern exhibition was to be given by Councillor Scattergood. The Brewers were amongst the first to arrive. They found the Chapel was only dimly lit, with just enough light for them to find seats. Ann sat with her daughter, while her sons, Hubert and John, sat in front of her. The magic lantern was fixed to a table.

Ann said later, at the Inquest, that she heard a slight noise and, in a moment, a loud explosion. There was a flash and a flame from the lantern. The Chapel was plunged into darkness. Ann was the first to reach the door. She stumbled out into the evening air with her little daughter. There was screaming and commotion in the Chapel behind her. It was an hour later before Ann discovered that her son, Hubert, had been killed.

An Inquest was held at the 'Durham Ox' pub and later transferred to the Town Hall, after the Chapel and the body had been examined. It was decided that one or both of the gas bags had burst, despite the usual safety precautions taken by Councillor Scattergood. The verdict: killed by an accidental explosion.

Hubert was interred at Stanton Road Cemetery after a service held at the Bath Street Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. He had been a member of the Wesleyan School and choir.

There were also sixteen people injured, several of them very seriously. A fund was started for the injured, who were:

Mrs. SUMMERFIELD	Loss of one eye, if not both.
Mrs. SLACK	Loss of one eye, if not both.
Mrs. CARTER	Limbs very much injured.
Mrs. ASHLEY	Injuries to arms.
Mrs. BARKER	Hands slit and otherwise injured.
Mrs. COOK	Injury to back.
Mr. ASHLEY	Very much injured and bruised.
JOHN BREWER	Injured and wounded all over the body, with probable loss of use of left hand.

Also, two boys named GRAINGER of Hallam Fields.

(Details of this accident were from the 'Ilkeston Pioneer')

POSTSCRIPT:

My 2nd gt. grandfather, Thomas THORNHILL, had an elder brother, John. He married Mary, and their eldest daughter was named Louisa/Louise. She married John SUMMERFIELD. On the 1881 census for Ilkeston there is only ONE family named Summerfield - that is John, Louisa and their three daughters. Could this Mrs. Summerfield be the one injured at the magic lantern exhibition? I'd very much like to know!

If you know anything more about this incident, about Mrs. Summerfield, or anyone else who was injured, or related to the Brewer family, I would be very interested.

(Mrs. P. Clarke, 41 Belper Street, Ilkeston, Derbys. DE7 5FJ. Memb. no. 761)

Recruits against the Spanish Armada. (From 'Long Ago in Peakland' by M. Andrews)

Hope district had sent its quota to prepare for the Spanish Armada. Their names were:-

THOMAS SLAKE	RICHARD SLAKE	THURSTON HALLE	RICHARD NEEDHAM
RALPH GLOVER	EDWARD HALLE	RENOLDE PURSGLOVE	ROBTE. MARSHALL of Thornhill

(Contributed by Maude Stumbles (nee Pursglove)

Looking for the French Connection

My family history researches began with my BOWMER great-grandmother, who, it was said, was born 'Matilda SUDBURY and came from Bonsall'. The one photograph I have of Matilda shows a stout, severe young woman, well-corseted and upright, respectable but not prosperous, and she has led me into a tangle of BOWMER information from which I have not yet emerged. Recently, I returned to Matilda's own pedigree; her birth certificate showed that her parents were William SUDBURY and Mary, formerly PEARSON, and the 1881 census for Bonsall gave William's place of birth as Ilkeston. Mary PEARSON was born in Bonsall, and for no other reason than my curiosity to see how far back the Bonsall connection went, I started to trace her line. It seemed hopeful; PEARSON is a common name in the Matlock area, and I had her father's name, Andrew, framework knitter, from the parish register. The Bonsall registers produced the baptism of Mary Elizabeth daughter of Andrew and Josephine PEARSON in 1829, but they also showed the burial of Andrew in 1842, which ruled out the 1851 census as a source of information about Andrew.

The 1841 census was puzzling; no Andrew PEARSON, but Josephine was there, in Bonsall Dale, with her family of framework knitters, 11 children from Sophia down to Jesse, all the children Derbyshire born except Sophia, born in London, and Josephine herself marked 'F', not the usual 'N' or 'y'.

The 1851 census explained; Josephine PEARSON was a British subject, I assume by virtue of her marriage, born in France about 1800 or 1801. I had known so little about my SUDBURY/PEARSON ancestors that it is not surprising there were no family myths about a French 'grandmother'.

To go any further, I needed Josephine's maiden name; I have not been able to trace her marriage to Andrew (if there was one), but the youngest son Jesse/Josiah was the only child registered and his birth, registered by Andrew in 1839 gives his mother's former name as JOHSEA. I was dubious about this name, so like Jesse/Josiah's first name, but checking through current French telephone directories and the IGI for areas of French Huguenot settlement produced a batch of surnames like JOSSE/JOSSEY/JOSIE, for which JOHSEA might be the Derbyshire transcription.

A bonus came with the 1861 census; Josephine had remarried, Thomas SEEDHOUSE a leadminer, and her sons Andrew and Josiah were living with them. Her place of birth was shown clearly as 'France, Cambrai'. The certificate for that second marriage in 1859 gave her father as 'Peter JOSIE, gent'. I double-checked with the original parish register, where the name appears to have an accent, thus, JOSIÉ, suggesting that the surname could be JOSIER. Josephine herself died in 1864, so later census records were of no use.

My next action was to write to the Mairie at Cambrai to ask for a copy of Josephine's acte de naissance about 1801; I also wrote to the local library and received from them the information that the Mairie holds registers back to 1792 and that the opening hours are very generous. The Mairie replied much later, though they did take the trouble to look through the indexes, but of course they could not carry out a detailed search.

We had been planning a family holiday in France, happily not too far from Cambrai, and I turned up at the Mairie, without an appointment, and asked to see the registers. French registers over 100 years old, and the indexes to them, may be consulted, and I found that the marriage registers in particular contain much valuable information for the family historian. But my luck had run out, there was no trace of my Josephine.

It was interesting, however, to read through the registers for that turbulent period of history, in the years following the French Revolution, to note the records of foundling children, the titles 'citizen' and 'citizenship', and dates in the French Republican Calendar, which had begun in 1793 and lasted until 1806. I deduced that 'Josephine' possibly had several first names; even the Empress Josephine had originally been called Marie-Josèphe, and little girls in Cambrai were likely to be called by elaborate multiple names such as 'Florentine Josèphe Cornèlie' or 'Albertine Pacifique Sophie Josèphe'. The problem of the surname remains; Josephine was illiterate and I have been relying on third parties' interpretations of the name. She may not have been born in Cambrai itself, though I need a more thorough search of the registers, rather than the indexes, to be sure of this, but may have to consider extending the area of my search in the region. Her father may be the best clue, as he presumably owned some kind of property, however small.

My French trip yielded a useful book 'A la recherche de vos ancêtres' by Yann Grandeau (published by Stock, 1984 edition), which as well as being a good introduction to French family history includes a list of local societies, and so I have contacted the Groupe de Généalogistes Amateurs du Cambrésis. One of the members checked the indexes, but could offer no help with the identification of the elusive surname. I have now joined the society, as I have not yet exhausted all the local information. My own local records office is about to acquire the IGI for France, so I hope to check possible surnames there, before our next French holiday.

The mysteries remain; a history of Cambrai has given me a possible reason for the removal of my ancestress to England; after the fall of Napoleon, Wellington's army of occupation had its headquarters at Cambrai and allied troops were stationed there until 1816. Could it be that Josephine came to England with the returning soldiers; a soldier lover, not necessarily my ancestor Andrew PEARSON, may explain the birth of Josephine's daughter Sophia in London before 1820? Having established the existence of my one exotic ancestor amongst the stolid Derbyshire knitters and labourers on my family tree, I am reluctant to abandon the search yet!

Ann Beck (member No. 197).

NOTE: Anyone contemplating a similar project may find the series of articles by Margaret Audin in last year's 'Family Tree' useful. The book 'Huguenot Ancestry' by Noël Currer-Briggs and Royston Gambier, interesting in its own right, contains some information on research in France. However, doing research on French ancestors for oneself really does need a good knowledge of the language.

A MOST EXCITING LETTER

In December Branch News I said 'everything comes to him that waits', well my luck was certainly in. On Tuesday the 25th November 1986 I received a letter from California USA inquiring about the Society. This would have been just the normal type of letter I receive except it contained the sentence 'I am researching my father's family from Derby, RICE, STALEY and MOULT,' - Whoopee they were all my own research names and I knew that Harold Rice the writer just had to be related. Housework was forgotten and a letter written post haste - and yes folks I have now discovered a third cousin, someone else to share in the Rice Mystery and 'the Settlement of Ann Cockayne' - but that is another story, one we are still unfolding.

Pauline Marples

TRACING THE NATURAL PARENTS OF ADOPTED PERSONS.

Adoption as a legal process was begun in this country on 1st January 1927. Anyone "adopted" before that date was really fostered, and the paragraphs which follow do not apply to them. (Tracing the natural parents of a fostered child is a very difficult and specialistic exercise).

1. Discovering the identity of natural parents

There is a formal procedure laid down in the Children Act (1975) whereby an adopted person over the age of 18 years can exercise their right to obtain a copy of their original birth entry. Although many already know the identity of their natural parent(s) it is important nevertheless to go through this procedure. It is described in a pamphlet entitled 'Access to birth records', obtainable from the Registrar-General, your local Social Services Department, or an adoption society.

In brief, you should apply to the Registrar-General, on the appropriate application form for a copy of your original birth entry; this request cannot be refused, but counselling must be provided for those adopted before 12 November 1976. To suit your convenience, this counselling can be at St. Catherine's House (10 Kingsway, London); in the Social Services Department of the local authority where you now live; or in that where your adoption order was made. The counselling is designed to alert you to some of the main personal problems consequent upon your application, but the counsellor may also be able to give you information about your parents, including address, at a date later than that of your registration of birth; further information about the circumstances of your adoption; and whether your parents are known to have expressed a desire to meet you.

Contrary to popular belief, it is not illegal for a natural parent to try to trace an adopted child, but there is little official help for them to do so. Some natural parents, therefore, simply register their willingness to be approached by their child(ren) with the Registrar-General or with a Social Services Department.

2. Discovering the present whereabouts of your natural parent(s).

This exercise can range from very easy to virtually impossible! The quickest way is to visit the last known address in order to make enquiries from residents, neighbours or relatives to see if anything can be gleaned by word of mouth.

If no such help is forthcoming, there are several documentary sources of addresses which are open to the public. Most important of these are the national indexes of birth, marriage and death; the addresses are:

England and Wales: General Register Office, St. Catherine's House, 10 Kingsway, London WC2B 6JP.

Scotland: New Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YT.

Ireland: Oxford House, 49-55 Chichester Street, Belfast BT1 4HL.

As most adoptees have been born illegitimate, it is important to discover whether the mother has subsequently married, and, alas, some parents will be found to have died. National indexes of wills for England and Wales are available to the public in your nearest District Probate Office.

Local libraries and record offices should house current and back copies of the local electoral registers. Current telephone books are in most public libraries, recent ones in the largest, and complete collections in British Telecom library and in the British Library. Many trades and professions have directories of members, published regularly.

Several public and private bodies, such as banks, are prepared to forward unaddressed mail to clients whose whereabouts they know, though many (e.g. the DHSS) will not do so if they know that adoption is involved, the Salvation Army will not help either, in adoption cases.

Making first contact with natural parents can be particularly traumatic, and is often best done through a third party. Advice on this and many related matters is given to its members by NORCAP, the National Organisation for the Reunion of Child and Parent, 49 Russell Hill Road, Purley CR2 2XB.

The access to birth records provided by the 1975 Children Act extends only to those who have been adopted. For anyone else - their own children, for example, or other relatives recourse must be had to Section 20 (5) of the 1958 Adoption Act, which permits an application to one of three courts (the High Court; the Westminster Court; or the court where the adoption order was originally made) in order to gain access to some of the information in the relevant files. Each case will be treated individually and, one hopes sympathetically, by the court concerned.

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Colin Rogers, author of the above mentioned book, Tracing Missing Persons and of The Family Tree Detective, published November 1985

PRESENT DISTRIBUTION OF NAMES

I was very pleasantly surprised by the results of exploiting a fairly simple idea suggested by a friend. Like many local Libraries, ours carries an up to date set of British Telecom Directories covering the whole of the UK. In only a few hours, I was able to record the incidence of the four family names in which I am interested. Taking care to note the number of pages in each directory, I was able to calculate the average incidence of the name per 100,000 entries (approx 255 pages) and, more importantly, where the name was most common.

The two common names in my study showed the most remarkable localisation, with the incidence of GOTHERIDGE in Burton area Directory (12 / 100,000 against a national average of 0.3) and ROSEVEAR in Plymouth (41 / 100,000; National Average 1), being 40 times the average. The concentration of almost half the Rosevear entries in one Directory, within their county is not too surprising, given the natural barriers. However the localisation of over 60% of the Gotheridge entries in a triangle bounded by Burton, Derby and Leicester was surprising. Interestingly, there were no Gotheridges in Herefordshire, where there is a village of this name, though the more common variations of this name, (Goodridge, Goodrich, Gutteridge etc.) are more widely distributed.

One is led, to speculate that the present high incidence of a particular, uncommon name is very dependent on the fecundity of single immigrants to a new area. This is even apparent with one of the more common names, STREET (av. 19 per 100,000 entries). Although the peaks of incidence are less marked, there is a high concentration in two areas, Southampton/Bournemouth and Burton/Derby. From my studies of the family in South Derbyshire, I believe almost all the Streets in the Burton concentration have a common ancestor in the 18th century. Thus its high incidence here is not necessarily an indication that the name originated in this area. For completeness, I should add that the fourth name W(H)YATT (av. 26 / 100,000) is concentrated in the West Country and though equally common as Street in Burton (43 / 100,000) is probably not truly local.

Although I recognise the limitations of this technique (e.g. double entries, exdirectory lines), the success of the telephone service does provide a reasonably representative and readily surveyed list of household names throughout the UK. In most instances the present distribution will not indicate the origin of the name, but may be a good indicator of where the name was local during the more recent times of interest to family historians.

(Contributed by Alan Rosevear, Memb. no. 1321)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR STRAYS CO-ORDINATOR: I would like to thank everyone who has sent in Strays for the Society's Strays Index. Your help with this project is very much appreciated. A special 'Thank you' to our new member in Australia, Beryl Stretton who has already sent me so many.

M. Stumbles

Recently I was browsing in a secondhand bookshop, when I came across a family bible which was inscribed with the name MARY ELLEN GREENHOUGH. It was dated May 24 / 86 and initialled H.G. On the second page was the name ROBERT GREENHOUGH, Ecton Cottage, 1875.

The pages of family history which followed, prompted me to buy the Bible! I staggered back to the car under its weight and here are the contents transcribed. I hope they will be of interest to someone and should anyone wish to see the Bible, (as a descendant of someone mentioned therein) then do contact me.

JOHN THOMPSON, son of ABRAHAM and HANNAH THOMPSON, was born September 13th 1785 at Heathcote in the Parish of Hartington and County of Derby.

MARY WAYNE, dau. of JOB and MARY WAYNE, was born March 16th 1785 at Warslow Lane in the Parish of Alstonefield and County of Stafford.

JOHN THOMPSON and MARY WAYNE was married August the 7th 1809 at Alstonefield.

HANNAH THOMPSON was born Feby. 16th 1810 at Ecton. Baptized at Warslow.

HENRY THOMPSON was born October 17th 1811 at Ecton. Baptized at Warslow.

ABRAHAM THOMPSON was born September 3rd 1813 at Ecton. Baptized at Wetton.

JOHN THOMPSON was born March 2nd 1815 at Ecton. Baptized at Warslow.

MARY THOMPSON was born November 27th 1816 at Ecton. Baptized at Warslow.

JEREMIAH JOB THOMPSON was born March 10th 1819 at Ecton. Baptized at Wetton.

WILLIAM THOMPSON was born January 13th 1821 at Ecton. Baptized at Warslow.

ANN THOMPSON was born January 13. 1824 at Ecton. Baptized at Warslow.

ELLEN THOMPSON was born August 23rd 1825 at Ecton. Baptized at Wetton.

ELLEN THOMPSON departed this life Feby. 25th 1827, buried at Warslow.

WILLIAM THOMPSON, son of the above JOHN and MARY THOMPSON departed this life June the 10th 1843, aged 22 years, 21 weeks and 2 days. I.T. (Initials perhaps of the writer)

JOHN THOMPSON the above first named, son of ABRAHAM and HANNAH THOMPSON, departed this life December 5th 1846 in the 62 year of his age.

HANNAH SMITH, daughter of JOHN and MARY THOMPSON departed this life June 29th 1852 in the 42 year of her age.

ABRAHAM THOMPSON, son of JOHN and MARY THOMPSON departed this life January 25th 1858.

MARY THOMPSON, wife of the first named JOHN THOMPSON departed this life March 9th 1860 in her 75 year.

All the above was written in the same hand. The next page continues in a different hand.

ROBERT GREENHOUGH, son of ISAAC and ELIZABETH GREENHOUGH, was born July 6th 1823 at Warslow in the Parish of Alstonefield and County of Stafford. Baptized at Warslow.

ANN THOMPSON, daughter of JOHN and MARY THOMPSON, was born at Ecton January 12th 1824. Baptized at Warslow.

ROBERT GREENHOUGH and ANN THOMPSON was married May 22nd at Wetton in the County of Stafford.

MARY ELLEN GREENHOUGH, daughter of ROBERT and ANN GREENHOUGH was born July 17th 1865 at Ecton Cottage. Baptized at Warslow.

JOHN SUTTON of Warslow and DOROTHY SELLERS was married at Alstonefield Feby. 10th 1794. ELIZABETH SUTTON was baptized at Wetton September 27th 1795.

ISAAC SUTTON of Warslow and ELIZABETH SUTTON was married May 3rd 1819 at Alstonefield.

ANN GREENHOUGH, wife of ROBERT GREENHOUGH died Jany. 26th 1877 and was interred at Hartington, Jan 31st 1877.

ROBERT GREENHOUGH departed this life January 9th 1886 in his 63 year. Interred at Warslow January 13th 1886.

Another hand continues:-

JOHN THOMAS PRINCE, born Jan. 19th 1862. Married May 5th 1889.

Wife MARY ELLEN GREENHOUGH, married May 5th 1889.

Son ROBERT PRINCE, born 17th Dec. 1889.

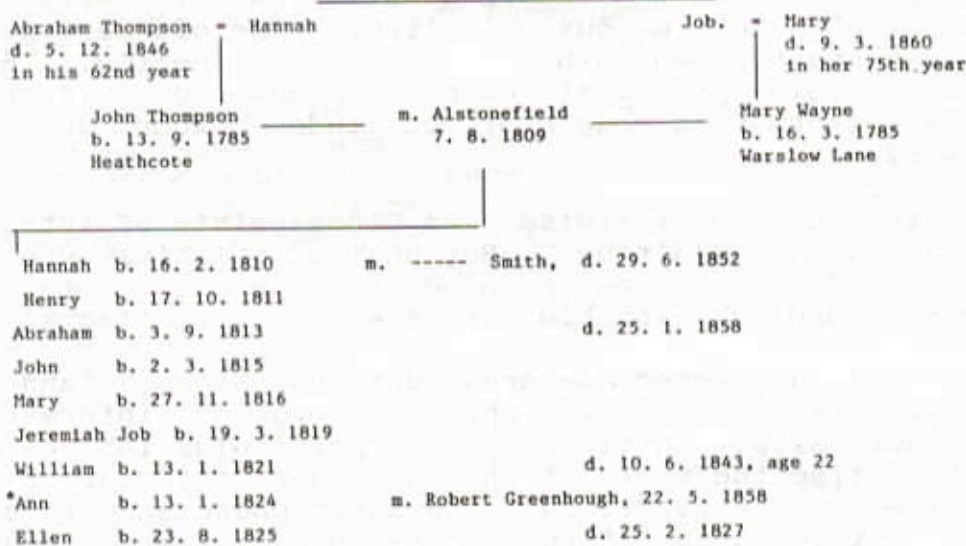
Son JOHN PRINCE, born 19th Nov. 1890, died 26th March 1891, buried at Fairfield March 28th 1891.

(In pencil) Born at Buxton.

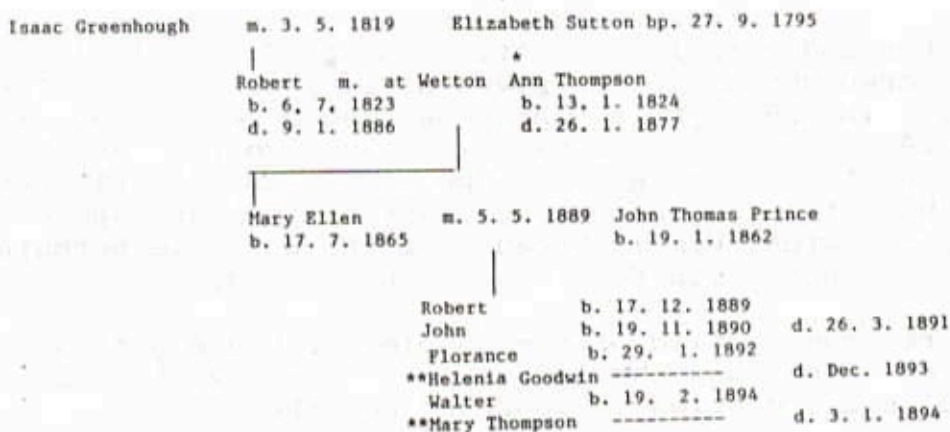
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Dau. FLORANCE PRINCE, born Jan. 29th, born at Buxton 1892.
 Dau. HELENIA (or HEBENIA) GOODWIN, died December 1893.
 Dau. MARY THOMPSON, died Jan. 3rd 1894 at Buxton, buried at St. Ann Church.
 WALTER PRINCE, born February 19th 1894 Buxton.

FAMILY TREE DRAWN FROM INFORMATION.



JOHN SUTTON — DOROTHY SELLERS
 ALSTONEFIELD
 10. 2. 1794



** Assumed to be children of MARY ELLEN and JOHN THOMAS PRINCE.

Mr. C.J. Biggs, an attender of the Chesterfield Branch meetings, sends the following entries from a Family Bible which he used to have. The last named, ANN BIGGS was his step-grandmother, so is no blood relation.

BIRTHS: JOSEPH McKAY born at Brydekirk, Dumfrieshire, on 1st day of March 1844
 EMMELINE SAXTON, his wife, born at Kimberley, Nottinghamshire, on 14th day of July 1847
 ALFRED McKAY, son of the above, born at Chesterfield on 11th September 1875
 ERNEST McKAY, born at Chesterfield on 10th August 1878
 MARJORIE McKAY, daughter of ALFRED McKAY, born at Newbold Moor, Chesterfield on 21st March 1903
 VIOLET McKAY, daughter of ALFRED McKAY, born at Whittington Moor, Chesterfield, on 22nd May 1906

MARRIAGES: JOSEPH McKAY and EMMELINE SAXTON married at the Parish Church, Crich, Derbys. on Thursday the 17th day of September 1874
 ALFRED McKAY and MARY WHITE married at Holy Trinity Church, Chesterfield, the 16th day of April 1902

DEATHS: ANN SAXTON died on the 15th of May 1909, aged 90. Interred at St. John's, Newbold, Chesterfield.
 JOSEPH McKAY died on the 15th of October 1911, aged 67. Interred at St. John's, Newbold, Chesterfield.
 ANN BIGGS, nee McKAY, died on the 16th day of May 1960. Cremated at Brimington.

IT IS A WISE MAN WHO KNOWS HIS OWN FATHER

I found J.A. Dunn's article on dubious paternity, and it's effect on the integrity of recording family history, very interesting. His conclusion, "Either skip on regardless and maintain your dubious assumptions intact, or put a little question mark (?) after each male name on your tree", left me out on a limb. The old saying, "it is a wise man who knows his own father", sums it up neatly. But, what should we do? Being practical and perhaps unworldly, I suggest we assume our ancestors were models of rectitude - except when evidence shows otherwise.

And when the evidence *is* otherwise, as Genealogists of integrity, we record it as it is, don't we. But what of relatives who are not Genealogists, and so may be offended at being told something that affects their paternity? And how sure are we of our 'facts'?

My research has uncovered several dubious areas, and I would appreciate discussion on how I should record my information. The setting is Australia, initially on the goldfields 145 years or so back. At this time the ratio of the sexes was in favour of the male, much accentuated on the goldfields. Readers whose ancestors lived in the closely settled areas of England may not be aware that sparse settlement, and scarcity of Clergy, meant many a couple celebrated wedding and baptisms on the same day. Five years or so later further offspring would line up for their christening.

First Case. An immigrant family arrives in Melbourne in 1848. Father, mother and 6 children ranging in age from 4 to 17 years. One of these children whose age was given as 11 years, was to be my Great Grandmother. In 1866 this child married a person who arrived in Adelaide in 1853, when his age was given as 8 years. At marriage, the ages and conditions were given respectively as 25 spinster and 21 bachelor. He signed, she put her mark on the marriage certificate. Marriage certificates, wisely because of the possible permutations and combinations, do not allow for issue to be recorded.

The first recorded child of the couple arrived 8 months after the wedding. The mother was the informant. She gave her age as 28, the father's age as 24, married in 1862 and no other issue.

Their second recorded child arrived in 1870. Again the mother was the informant. This time her age was given as 31, the father's as 29, married in 1852 and 6 previous issue. The age of the eldest child was given as 16. Among the also rans was my Grandmother of age 7 years. Notice how cunningly the eldest was born (apparently) in wedlock? No mind the alleged father's age works out at 11 at marriage and 13 at birth, though from other evidence he would have been 7 at marriage and 9 at birth.

Now, my Grandmother was among the five born before the recorded marriage. Of these five, I have only been able to trace the registration of birth of one, no baptisms. He was 2 years older than my Grandmother. No father shown, and the mother's age given as 24. The informant signed, rather illegibly, and his/her description is "a friend".

There were further children born to the happy couple. One certificate registering the birth of the ninth and I think last child in 1877, records all the previous births.

Then the plot thickens. My Great Grandmother died in 1903. Her death certificate shows four living children identified by name and age, one male child deceased (the one 2 years older than my Grandmother), and

seven (seven?) female children deceased. *It did not show my Grandmother, who was very much alive and kicking at this date. Could it have been because she was the central figure in case two, below? Incidentally, the informant for the death certificate of the deceased male child was my Great Grandmother's husband, who puts himself down as the father. But, on his death certificate (1917), five issue were identified by name and age, and these were only the children born after the marriage.*

What do I do, Mr. Dunn? My Grandmother was born 1862/63. Her father by default, was my Great Grandfather. The gentleman my father told me was my Great Grandfather would have been 17/18 when she was born. Quite a respectable age to father a child, even without the status of marriage. Not so respectable is his age (8/9), if he were the father of my Great Grandmother's first child. So, averting my eyes, I show him as my Great Grandfather. Which shows my integrity is more that of a Politician than a Genealogist. Oh, all the children born before my Grandmother I show "father unknown".

Second Case. This continues the saga of the lady (my Grandmother) who, you recall, has no birth certificate and does not appear on the death certificate of her father. (It *must* be her father - he shows as such on my family tree!) Taking up her story, she has had five children, the last being my father. Alas, as my father told me, his mother and father died when he was young. Brought up by his sister, poor dad had to make his own way in the world. And one of his children had to be a nut (oops, a genealogist).

Dad was rather vague about his childhood. Born in 1887 it was not old age that made him vague. I had to dig, and dig and dig. And this is what I found. His mother's death certificate (died 1942, not about 1890 as my father averred), shows four more children. Father? Well, one birth certificate I have shows the father's name as "blank". From a reliable source, I have a name. It checks out from Electoral Rolls. My family (mother, brothers and sister) do not know of the "other family" that came into existence just about 100 years ago. I have met cousins (would they be half cousins?), and one Aunt I had not known existed. And these cousins believe we have a common Grandfather - at least we have the name in common!

How do I record this information? If I show it as I believe it to be, I offend. And how good are the "facts" I base my belief on? My Grandfather was a carrier who got around. Who am I to say he did not drop into the ancestral home about nine months before each birth. Come on readers, how would you show my family tree?

Other cases I shall not go into. They go back to the 1840's and 1860's. Amnesia. Just forgot to visit the Vicar. By the time they remembered, it was four years in one case and seven years in the other. All legitimate, my family tree says so!

Just in case this article gets into the wrong hands, with the Editor's permission I sign myself,

ARTEMIS

PERPETUAL CALENDAR: With reference to Brian Bailey's article in the December 1986 issue of Branch News 'On What Day Did it Happen?', a chart and key for ascertaining the day of the week for any date between 1500 and 1999 can be found in Terrick FitzHugh's book 'the Dictionary of Genealogy'. Also the complete edition of Whitaker's Almanack (annual) contains easy reference calendar tables for any year between 1770 and 2025, together with the dates of Easter in each of those years. Both books are available in the reference sections of most public libraries.

Philip Jones

Some researchers may have come to a standstill around the beginning of the parish register and may not be aware of the items I have listed which are the results of five recent visits to the P.R.O. at Chancery Lane, London. One can waste half of their visit locating material and reference numbers, so I have logged the reference numbers and have given brief descriptions of what the material contains, in order to assist other people researching Derbyshire Family History, also I have converted the year dates, which is another time consumer, e.g. 29 Eliz. Although most of my research was for the Scarsdale and High Peak Hundreds, I have logged some of the items available for other parts of Derbyshire.

Contained in the ROUND ROOM, the best item I found was the Derbyshire Muster Roll of 1638. A complete list of every able bodied man in the shire, aged between sixteen and sixty, giving the names of 17,308 men, parish by parish, who were fit for war in case of invasion, over and above those already in trained bands. This is a book, (Ref. SP16.405), similar to a parish register, in excellent condition. The archivist said that this was such an important Derbyshire source of information, they hoped some Society would publish it. In this book I found 33 references to my own surname and it is a perfect source to find where all the people of a particular surname lived in 1638. Another good item was the Muster of 1538-39. Five manuscripts with over 4,000 Derbys. men listed parish by parish and likewise, the Muster of 1534-35.

The Lay Subsidies are also good lists of men, parish by parish, who paid tax, proving the existence of a family in a particular parish before parish registers began. I found seventy seven references to my surname from this source, although not everyone was subject to this tax, as I have been able to assess from the 150 Wills (photocopies) I have for Derbyshire CLAYS, which brings me to mention the P.C.C. Wills.

For all those who have obtained their lists of Wills from Lichfield Joint Record Office may not realise that some Derbyshire Wills which were subject to dispute were sent to Canterbury and are held at Chancery Lane. Here I found three new ones relevant to my research. The Wills are well indexed alphabetically and are easy to check. The Muster Rolls are scattered amongst the "Calendar of State Papers" and other documents, and are harder to find. I have only come across a few Muster Rolls yet, which I have listed further on, so I would be pleased to hear from anyone who knows of further Rolls, pre 1640, especially for the years 1610-30, as I am trying to establish the original parish of PETER CLAY before he was married at Youlgreave. Being a person more used to small towns and villages, the prospect of going to London at first did not appeal to me and I certainly would not take my car, so for those of a similar position who may wish to visit the P.R.O. I will explain how I made my way from the Midlands.

I caught the early morning London bus from my local depot (Mansfield, Notts.) £9.50. return. After some 3½ hours, arriving at Victoria Coach Station around 10.30 - 11.00, depending on traffic, 5 minutes walk to Victoria Railway Station, walk through station complex, past toilets, to sign marked Underground and follow signs green and yellow, marked Circle and District Lines. Get 50p ticket from machine. Go down steps to EAST BOUND platform, still following signs green and yellow - Circle and District Line. Catch Tube train to Temple, fourth stop, all stops are well signed. After a 5 minute ride, then a 5 minute walk to Chancery Lane, just off Fleet St., so 15 minutes after getting off your bus, you should be in the P.R.O. Most diaries have a London Tube Chart on the inside cover. Remember, when you return, to look for Green and Yellow Circle, and District line WEST BOUND platform to Victoria. There are plenty of signs and you need 50p. I caught the 6 pm. bus back, which gave me about 6 hours for research.

When you arrive at the P.R.O. you will need identification to obtain a Reader's Ticket. A Driving Licence, Passport or some other identification. Once you have your Reader's Ticket, you can then order items by telephone for future visits and they will be ready when you arrive. There is a room where you can eat sandwiches if you wish.

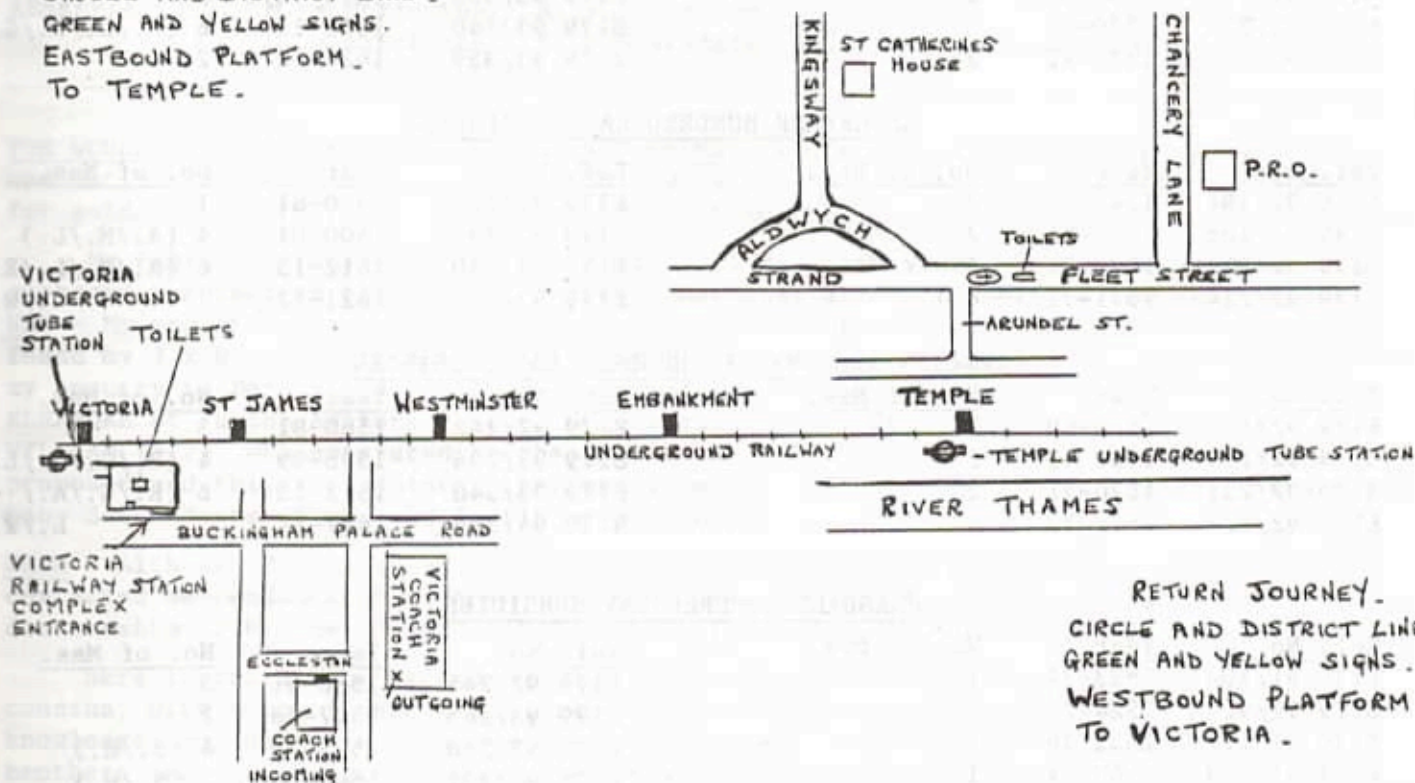
One can also travel to London by rail, which is quicker and more comfortable, but costs more than the bus. On one occasion I travelled by train to St. Pancras, King's Cross and caught the tube to Holborn - Piccadilly Line, Southbound - Dark Blue. I think it was a 15-20 minute walk from there to the P.R.O. I know of a Family History Society which hires a coach for trips to London and at £5.50 return, it is very popular - I wonder if Derbyshire members would be interested if the Society organised a trip from Alfreton? Members could be dropped off outside St. Catherine's House and the P.R.O. is just around the corner. Could I also suggest that members who have been to the P.R.O.

and those who visit in the future, send to "Branch News", details of any interesting Derbyshire material with reference numbers, if possible, so that they may be printed for the benefit of other researchers. All the following are long lists of Derbyshire men listed under their parishes, apart from those marked "unchecked", which I have yet to examine.

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ROUTE FROM VICTORIA COACH STATION TO THE P.R.O.
(DISTANCE BETWEEN VICTORIA AND TEMPLE NOT TO SCALE)

CIRCLE AND DISTRICT LINE.
GREEN AND YELLOW SIGNS.
EASTBOUND PLATFORM.
TO TEMPLE.



RETURN JOURNEY.
CIRCLE AND DISTRICT LINE.
GREEN AND YELLOW SIGNS.
WESTBOUND PLATFORM
TO VICTORIA.

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Manuscripts</u>
SP16 405	Muster Roll	1638	Book, 17,308 names
E101 59/7	Muster Roll	1538-39	5 Mss. (over 4000 names)
E101 58/17	Muster Roll	1534-35	8 Mss.
E101 59/2	Muster Roll	1535-36	2 Mss.
E101 65/19	Muster Roll	1597-1602	1 File
SP12 117	General Muster	1577	Unchecked
SP12 3	Muster	1559	"
SP12 98	Muster of men with Horse	1574	"
SP12 139	Derbyshire Muster Certificate	1580	"
SP15 30	Notes of Horse and Foot	1587	"
SP12 67	List of People Liable for Queen's Loan	1570	"
E179 91/1	Payments for Corn	1300-01	5 Mss. with names
E179 91/5	Arrears	1327-28	1 Mss.
E101 343/21	Accounts of Ulnage. Derbys/Notts.	13-1400's	11 Mss.
E101 346/9	Ulnage, Notts/Derbys/Northants.	1373-1394	6 Mss.
E101 347/2	Ulnage. Derbys/Notts/Staffs/Salop/Leics.	1468-70	5 Mss.
E101 533/20	Roll of Amercements (Fines)	1528-29	4 Mss.
E101 122/9	Fines. Derbys/Notts.	1426-29	5 Mss.
E101 122/12	Derbyshire Fines	1439-41	1 Mss.
E179 94/403	High Peak Hearth Tax	1664	17 Mss.
E179 245/9	High Peak Hearth Tax	Part 2	Unchecked
E179 326/7	Hearth Tax Exemptions	1669	"
E179 326/8	Hearth Tax Exemptions	1671-74	"
E179 326/12	Hearth Tax Exemptions	1672	"
E101 280/18	Petition of Derbyshire Miners to House of Commons for Relief of Tax on Lead	1642-43	7 Mss. (no names listed)

E179 242/10	Poll Tax, High Peak	1380-81	12 Mss.
E179 245/6	County. Free and Voluntary Present	1662	32 Mss.
E179 91/6	County Lay Subsidy	1327-28	22 Mss.
E179 91/12	County Lay Subsidy	1340-41	4 Mss.

MORLESTON and LITCHURCH HUNDRED LAY SUBSIDIES

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>	<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>
E179 92/179	1549-50	2	E179 92/243	1580-81	3
E179 92/184	1550-51	2	E179 93/284	1597-98	3
E179 92/189	1551-52	2	E179 93/296	1598-99	4 (M./L./R./G.)
E179 92/198	1552-53	1	E179 93/333	1610-1611	2
E179 92/232	1570-71	6	E179 93/340	1612-13	6 (M./L./R./G./W)
E179 92/223	1571-72	2	E179 93/339	1621-22	2

APPLETREE HUNDRED LAY SUBSIDIES

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>	<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>
E179 92/181	1549-50	2	E179 92/245	1580-81	1
E179 92/186	1550-51	2	E179 93/293	1600-01	4 (A./M./L.)
E179 92/230	1570-71	4	E179 93/340	1612-13	6 (A./M./L./R.-
E179 92/224	1571-72	4	E179 93/345	1621-22	G./W.)

REPTON and GRESLEY HUNDRED LAY SUBSIDIES

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>	<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>
E179 92/177	1549-50	2	E179 92/242	1580-81	3
E179 92/199	1550-51	2	E179 93/296	1598-99	4 (R./G./M./L.)
E179 92/231	1570-71	2	E179 93/340	1612-13	6 (R./G./A./ -
E179 92/222	1571-72	4	E179 94/384	1621-22	L./W.)

SCARSDALE HUNDRED LAY SUBSIDIES

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>	<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>
E179 91/104	1523-24	1	E179 92/246	1580-81	3
E179 91/91	1524-25	12	E179 93/285	1597-98	2
E179 91/112	1535-36	1	E179 93/288	1598-99	4 (S./H.)
E179 91/139	1540-41	1	E179 93/291	1599-1600	3 (S./H.)
E179 91/143	1542-43	2 (S./H.)	E179 93/334	1610-11	4
E179 92/161	1545-46	3	E179 93/336	1610-11	3
E179 92/178	1549-50	2	E179 93/343	1621-22	5
E179 92/188	1550-51	3	E179 93/349	1624-25	4
E179 92/192	1551-52	2	E179 93/353	1626-27	8 (S./H.)
E179 92/197	1552-53	2	E179 93/356	1628-29	4
E179 92/225	1570-71	3	E179 93/357	1628-29	6
E179 92/228	1571-72	3	E179 245/5	1641-42	8

WIRKSWORTH HUNDRED LAY SUBSIDIES

<u>Ref. no.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of MSS.</u>	<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>
E179 91/105	1523-24	6	E179 92/190	1551-52	2
E179 92/173	1524-25	4	E179 92/226	1570-71	2
E179 91/98	1525-26	1	E179 92/227	1571-72	2
E179 91/120	1535-36	1	E179 92/241	1580-81	2
E179 91/115	1537-38	1	E179 93/286	1597-98	10
E179 91/145	1543-44	4	E179 93/290	1598-99	1
E179 92/164	1545-46	3	E179 93/292	1599-1600	3
E179 92/180	1549-50	2	E179 93/313	1602-04	1
E179 92/185	1550-51	1	E179 93/332	1610-11	2

HIGH PEAK HUNDRED LAY SUBSIDIES

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>	<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>
E179 91/92	1524-25	2	E179 92/166	1545-46	5
E179 91/111	1535-36	2	E179 92/182	1549-50	4
E179 92/143	1542-43	2 (H./S.)	E179 92/187	1550-51	2

High Peak Hundred Lay Subsidies, cont.

<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>	<u>Ref. No.</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Mss.</u>
E179 92/196	1551-52	1	E179 93/331	1610-11	1
E179 92/229	1570-71	2	E179 93/344	1621-22	2
E179 92/244	1580-81	1	E179 93/350	1624-25	2
E179 93/295	1597-98	1	E179 93/353	1626-27	8 (H./S.)
E179 93/288	1598-99	4 (H./S.)	E179 93/359	1628-29	2
E179 93/291	1599-1600	3 (H./S.)	E179 93/362	1628-29	3
E179 93/314	1600-02	1	E179 94/373	1642-43	

ABBREVIATIONS: M. = Morleston A. = Appletree R. = Repton H. = High Peak
L. = Litchurch S. = Scarsdale G. = Gresley W. = Wirksworth

FOR WOULD BE ORGANISERS OF A FAMILY GATHERING: I offer my report regarding my own and outline my reasons governing:- WHY, WHEN AND HOW, with some hindsight comments for guidance of others. (see Branch News, issue No.39, p. 15 & 17)

My FAMILY HISTORY ACTIVITIES reached a climax last year, when over 150 relatives gathered together in the village where my paternal ancestors settled 200 years ago. WHY - My enquiries started in 1963 and then I was able to examine parish registers and found my 3 x Gt. Grandfather HAYES. I did nothing further until 1984, when in reply to my enquiry to Derbyshire Family History Society, I was introduced to a 3rd cousin, - ELEANORE of Tuscon Arizona - a Gt. Granddaughter of my Gt. Grandfather's brother - WILLIAM(1822), who emigrated to the U.S.A. in 1848. That we should meet was quickly proposed and this turned into - Let us all meet! Thus it became necessary to trace as many descendants of the old family as possible.

WHEN - Although Eleanore had traced many of WILLIAM (1822) descendants, and had also contacted descendants of brother JOHN (1817) in the U.S.A., there also were the descendants of brother JOSEPH (1835), who emigrated in 1865, to be found.

Here in Britain, I needed to start virtually from scratch to trace my own 1st cousins, with some of whom I had lost contact, and 2nd cousins, of whom I had no knowledge, but did have clues to their existence. 3rd Cousins - I knew of other brothers and sisters of my own Gt. Grandfather, MATTHEW (1824), besides the two already mentioned. 4th Cousins - I knew of 2 uncles of my Gt. Grandfather, but had no idea of their descendants. Consequently, Eleanore and I agreed to a 2 year period of research. So we were looking at 1986 in 1984 and started thinking of the first part of the year.

It was not until late 1985 that we started to seriously discuss a date, then Eleanore's husband suffered misfortune in health, which caused a delay to the programme, and thus we were obliged to choose a later date. We stuck to 1986 for several reasons - not least the most important was that I had done rather better than anticipated in my tracing of relatives, and we were both very anxious to meet. A delay now would be most frustrating.

The other important reason which gradually revealed itself was that we both had found a number of aged relatives i.e., 80+ years old, who would probably not be able to make the journey if we postponed to 1987. So it was to be late summer 1986.

I consulted the calendar, seeking a date which would be clear of the general holiday period, of statutory holidays and school holidays, and also sought a date which bearing our climate and recent years weather history, in mind, should reasonably chance to be fine and sunny. I chose the weekend 6/7 September.

WHERE- The gathering preferably should take place in the village where my researches had revealed, the family had resided in some part from 1758 to 1917 - PINXTON. My Gt. Grandfather, MATTHEW had been a local Preacher and had started that career at the PINXTON WHARF CHAPEL. A second alternative was very tempting, that of BIRCHWOOD CHAPEL, where the family is remembered, and I had attended anniversary services there at odd years since childhood. BIRCHWOOD CHAPEL is very near the village of PINXTON. I wrote to the Minister at Birchwood very early, to enquire the possibility, but did not receive a reply for several months. Meanwhile, I enquired for the name and address of the PINXTON WHARF CHAPEL secretary, and wrote, explaining who I was, what I was doing regarding family history, what the family connection was to "The Wharf Chapel", and enquired for the possibility of holding our GATHERING at the chapel.

The response from Pinxton Wharf Chapel Secretary was received without delay. It was later discovered that my early letter to Birchwood Mimister was never passed to the Secretary over a period of months. When it eventually did reach those in a position to respond, it was too late. In my case, it was fortunate that my ties with a chapel were so strong. However, those wishing to organise a similar function may do well by a chapel, or church hall, with benefit to the host by a handsome collection on the day of the event. Also I was especially fortunate that the Pinxton Wharf Chapel Ladies volunteered a service of tea and refreshments. We all feel more liberated and "at home" over a cuppa.

HOW - I wrote and had typed, an invitation letter - My "Dear Cousin", and sent out about 70, posting them altogether, about 6 weeks before the event. Three weeks before the event, I had a promised attendance of over 100 representing roughly about 50% of replies to my invitations. At that point, I started sending chasers to those who had not replied. Being able to promise at least 100 attendance thus raising more interest by those who perhaps would not have bothered otherwise. I must admit however, that this exercise was not particularly successful. It is inevitable that there will be disappointments and there seems very little one can do about it.

PUBLICITY - I also wrote to the DERBYSHIRE TIMES office at Alfreton, to make them aware of this event.

The day arrived and from the guest house where my party stayed, we arrived at the chapel by 10.15 a.m. By 11.30 a.m. the place was full, the toilets in full flush, and the street had surely never seen so many cars parked there in many years. The attendance book at the entrance to the chapel was soon forgotten

The day continued with people spending most time in the school room, having tea and sandwiches, whilst they chatted, greeted those faces not seen in many years, and enquiring of others - "Who are you and where do you fit into all this?" The schoolroom proved very suitable for this, because of the refreshments and ease of being able to move about. FIXED Pews in the chapel would be a hinderance to this aspect.

I had arranged that the village church would be open in the early afternoon with someone there to explain its history. By 1.30 p.m. I passed the word for the folk to take a walk out - it was a lovely day, and see the church and be back for a final assembly in the chapel by 3.00 p.m., when I would address the Gathering with an explanation of the family origins as yet known. By 3.00 p.m. everyone was back and seated in the pews expectantly looking to the pulpit. I had never before stood before such a group - certainly never before in a pulpit, and I must confess the sense of responsibility and power was very real. I started explaining why we were there and how I had traced many of those present, and as I came to the end of describing each family branch, I asked those of each branch to stand up to the others, and my own applause. I do not know how I spoke for 45 minutes without notes or hesitation, and the Gathering seemed spellbound by what I was able to tell them - about Thomas' 3 marriages in Pinxton, about Isaac's claim and details of Parish Relief paid to him in FARNDON etc. I was fortunate in having a relative 2nd cousin qualified, since she had been a missionary, to give a final address and closing prayer. During the period of my address, I asked that the attendance book be passed around, so that everyone would record their presence. Ultimately I asked for a final mark of favour by a contribution to the chapel in appreciation of the chapel members' kindness, and a goodly sum resulted to the benefit of the chapel.

On arrival at Pinxton, I was informed that Radio Derby had been to arrange to interview myself and others during the day. This was done and resulted in an item being broadcast several times from both Derby and Nottingham stations.

My warning to The Derbyshire Times presumably resulted in no less than seven Newspaper items being published. Even "The Sun" published a SUN SPOT regarding my event on the day of the EVENT, Saturday 6th September, 1986.

I thank Michael Hayes for his detailed account of the preparations for the Hayes Family Gathering and for his views on the day's events. An account by Eleanore Hayes who travelled from Arizona, USA to attend the Gathering was published in the December issue of 'Branch News'. I do appreciate the work which is involved in such a venture, as those of you who have Branch News, no.27, Dec. 1983, will see that I helped to organise a Family Gathering in that year. A second Gathering was held last year and another is planned for this June! The satisfaction felt after the event is over makes all the hardwork beforehand worthwhile. (Ed.) - 28 -

Copy of letter sent to family members regarding the Gathering:

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Mid Glamorgan CF36 5LA

Dear Cousin,

Re: GATHERING OF DESCENDANTS OF HAYES FAMILY OF PINXTON.

The Family Gathering is now arranged to take place at PINXTON during the week-end, SATURDAY & SUNDAY, 6th & 7th SEPTEMBER 1986.

PINXTON WHARF CHAPEL have kindly agreed to allow us to use the Chapel as a MEETING and FOCAL POINT of this ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT. Coincidentally the CHAPEL ANNIVERSARY also takes place the same Sunday.

You and your family are invited to attend this Gathering and meet relatives you will never have heard of, and relatives not seen or heard of for many years. The event will be very informal and will be a simple meeting and chatting affair. Hopefully many group photographs will be taken. If requested, I shall be pleased to give a short explanation of the family history, and call for various family branches to identify themselves.

I hope to arrange that ST. HELEN'S CHURCH shall be open to visitors the whole of SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER.

At the time of writing this letter, 18 AMERICANS are expected to attend. NOEL WHEELER will offer a respectful short address and prayer. I propose we shall consider taking refreshment together, and make arrangement for SATURDAY EVENING when we meet.

Please come along on SATURDAY 6th SEPTEMBER and meet at the WHARF CHAPEL. My family and I will be waiting to greet you from 10.00 a.m.

PINXTON WHARF CHAPEL have invited us all to attend their ANNIVERSARY SERVICES on SUNDAY 7th SEPTEMBER. I hope you will respond to their generous hospitality by attending their Anniversary. BIRCHWOOD CHAPEL SOMERCOTES have also invited us to their Sunday Service.

Please check with your relatives and children etc., and organise a family group and reply to this letter to let me know that you will or will not attend this ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT, and let me have the names of those in your party

Hopefully we shall have amongst us, many children, who will recall this GATHERING in many years hence...

I look forward to receiving your reply quite soon, and to meeting you in SEPTEMBER.

Yours fraternally,
Michael Hayes.

SUCCESS STORIES

Mr. Donald Theodore Horsley (Memb. no. 866) tells us of his wonderful experience.

Much the same as all genealogists, I spend many happy hours in the quietness of the Archives and Search Rooms, engrossed in the small print, just hoping for something to 'turn up'. Sometimes it does, and sometimes it doesn't. Then one September 1986 morning, something 'turned up', which in my wildest dreams I could never expect.

The telephone rang. It was SOTHEBY'S, LONDON, asking to speak to Mr. Horsley. Did you say SOTHEBY'S!!!! - I was taken aback, for it was, to say the least, just out of the blue. They were, apparently, in possession of a large Water Colour painting of the 'Horsley Family', and were in the process of cataloguing it as Lot 52. for a Sale on 20th November.

Could I tell them the history of the picture? which incidentally, I had never seen. Signed and dated by Thomas Sampson 1845, the family group includes my great grandfather ERASMUS, my grandfather JAMES and my namesake, THEODORE HORSLEY.

My wife and I accepted an invitation to go to London to see the picture, and on 9th October 1986, we did just that. The Water Colour expert at Sotheby's provided us

with a day to remember for the rest of our lives - 'The Wonderment and Puzzlement of Sotheby's.' My afterthoughts were numerous, and I decided it would be a once in a lifetime opportunity, for the picture to come back 'HOME' to the County, from which it had departed more than one hundred years ago. If my desires were to be fulfilled, then the 'County's Heritage' would be the beneficiaries. I am indeed grateful for the happy ending to the story. This beautiful water colour, 4 ft. 6 ins. by 3 ft. 6 ins, is now in the possession of the Museums Service of the Derbyshire County Council.

I am equally grateful to Sotheby's of London, that we now have a large photo-print of this early Victorian work gracing our home.

Who said that Early Victorian elegance would never come back? It certainly has done so for my wife and myself, all because I set out to search my family history.

Donald Theodore Horsley

(The story of the painting has appeared in numerous newspapers and on the National News on T.V. Mr. Horsley's research has taken him to Pye Bridge and Riddings.)

Mr. C. Crapper (Memb. no. 1279) tells us of another quirk of chance.

Subsequent to joining the D.F.H.S. in the summer of 1985 my name and interests appeared in the December issue of Branch News. Result, I was pleased to make the acquaintance of Eddie (Birmingham), David (Wirksworth) and Norma (Sheffield). However, one day towards the end of March 1986, an addition came to their number most unexpectedly.

Returning from town at about noon, I found the postman at my door brandishing an airmail envelope from New Zealand. Since I didn't know a soul in that colony, I can only describe my reaction as nonplussed. On opening the envelope, that state turned to one of amazement. Imagine my surprise to read that my correspondent, Mrs. Marianne Philson's gt. gt. grandfather shared my surname. Marianne had just become Secretary of the N.Z. Society of Genealogists, so was able to take a first look at all the incoming magazines. To quote her "What did I find on my first day, YOU!". Formerly all those Crappers which Marianne had found were no longer of this world. For her to see my name in the magazine, "her joy knew no bounds" as they say.

Marianne's gt.gt. grandfather, ELY CRAPPER, was slain by the savages in 1843 and she descends from the second of his three daughters, Mary Anne (1841-1933). Anticlimatically, I have to say it is only vaguely remote that Marianne and I are of any kin at all, but I am sure she will know that I find her correspondence delightful.

C. Crapper

Mrs. Hilary Waddingham writes:

What a wonderful and rewarding hobby searching for ancestors is, not only in the results sometimes achieved, but in the kindnesses shown by complete strangers. Yes, there are a few, I never hear from, in spite of S.A.Es. but these are more than outweighed by the many people who go to great lengths to help. It gives a warm, comforting feeling, when the news is so full of ugliness and violence.

Apart from committee members, who give of their time so generously, I have had considerable help from Jack Doxey, Lewis Davenport and Roger Hadfield and others. As a result of my writing to a new member last year, who was searching names I had in my charts, I now have a new 'cousin' Marjorie Bosson in Cornwall and I share the same gt.gt. grandfather, William MARSH of Wirksworth. There are several others who MAY be connected. It is the best kind of 'Treasure Hunt'.

Hilary Waddingham.

CARE AND PRESERVATION OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS: Member Janet Hurst writes to say that she found the article very interesting and useful and goes on to say that people do not realise the damage that can be done to old photographs by keeping them in modern albums. She says that a little advice on where to buy the specialised storage materials would have been helpful. Janet says that a good place to obtain advice and addresses of suppliers is your own Local Studies Library. The staff in the Nottingham Local Studies Library were very helpful when she asked them for advice. It does help to have the trade names of the materials you are going to ask for in a shop.

I found the article by Mr. Philip Jones (Branch News no. 39) on the care and preservation of old photographs most helpful - it certainly served to warn me of several print deterioration hazards. I heartily endorse his advice that old prints should be re-photographed as an insurance, and it is sometimes possible to produce an improved image in the copy. Obviously one cannot put in details which are missing from the original, but where this is faded - especially in the case of sepia prints - the contrast and resultant clarity can often be improved by the use of a blue filter and for the choice of paper.

Mr. Jones does not mention the restoration/preservation of old negatives, doubtless because there must be relatively very few old negatives around. That there are some, however, was brought home to me about a year ago, when over a hundred of them arrived at my house! The full story of these negatives could only be described as bizarre, but in all its detail would be far too long to tell here.

Very briefly though, it started in August 1968, when the British Journal of Photography printed a letter which had first appeared in their columns just 100 years previously. This letter was signed Edward CHAWNER and I assumed, wrongly as it turned out, that this Edward was one whom I knew to have been a keen naturalist and who lived in Hampshire. Sixteen years later, a cardboard box containing a pile of glass plate negatives was discovered in the loft of a house in Uttoxeter. The present owner of the house had no idea of their origin, and as he was not particularly interested, they were shunted around quite a bit before reaching me.

On examination, I found whole plates, half plates, 4"x 5" and quarter plates, all jumbled together. No attempt had been made to safeguard the emulsion faces and the whole was heavily coated with dust. Miraculously, only very few were broken. The salvaging technique adopted was as follows:- Both sides of each plate were brushed with a camel-hair brush, the plate being held by its edges in front of the mouth of a vacuum cleaner. The back of each plate was cleaned with neat Fairy Liquid and then tepid water. On the advice of a knowledgeable friend, the emulsion faces were carefully swabbed clean with wads of cotton wool soaked in a mixture of 95% isopropyl alcohol and 5% concentrated ammonia. All this took an unconscionable time, but the results were better than I dared hope for.

And now to come to the point of the story. All the whole plates and some of the half plates proved to be the work of my cousin, many times removed, Edward Chawner (1830-1877) of Houndhill, Marchington, about 4 miles from where I am now writing, yet I had no idea that he was ever a photographer. The authorship of the other negatives has now been established beyond reasonable doubt and most of them have yielded good prints.

Needless to say, these old negatives will not again be heaped in a cardboard box - at least, not by me!

Rupert G. Chawner (Memb. no.316)

TICKNALL POTTERY: AN APPEAL FOR HELP FROM FAMILY HISTORIANS.

In the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, and probably also in the sixteenth, Ticknall in South Derbyshire had several thriving potteries making coarse domestic ware and specialising in the production of panchcons for setting milk in the dairy. We are a local history research group, interested in tracing the distribution network for Ticknall ware which was said in the C17 to be distributed throughout eastern England; we do not however know how widely it was sold. We know that some went as far west as Shropshire. We would be most grateful for details of any reference to this pottery which turn up in inventories. It may appear as Ticknall, Tickenhall, Tichenhall or Tickney ware, all common variants. If you do find such references, and could send us details of place, date, name & occupation of the person, and the inventory entry with its value, we can perhaps over a period compile a file index which will enable us to estimate the extent and value of Ticknall's pottery output, and the duration of the industry.

As there are no surviving business records for this period (assuming any were ever kept), inventory entries are probably the only way that the distribution network can be traced.

Write to: Janet Spavold, The South Derbyshire Local History Research Group,
28 Wilfred Place, Ashby de la Zouch, Leics. LE6 5GW. (tel. 0530 415117)

Book Review by



A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO THE PRESENTATION OF FAMILY HISTORY by James A Dunn. 74pp.

It is the aim of most people to collate the many records and photographs etc. we have gathered over the years of our research, in such a way that it will be of interest to other members of our families. We may even like to give them a copy. The question asked by so many family historians is "How do I put it all together?"

This was a question our member Jim Dunn decided to find the answer to, in order to provide copies for his own family. There were many trials and errors, many do's and don'ts and a lot to be learnt about ways of reproducing. Jim knowing the interest in this subject, decided it was time to give everyone the benefit of his experiences, and has produced the book 'A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO THE PRESENTATION OF FAMILY HISTORY'.

This is a comprehensive book, which gives many ideas for compiling your family history, either in single or multiple copies. The photographs and illustration will not only give ideas for reproduction, but will suggest new avenues of research which you may not have considered, and items which you may not have thought of including in your own family history. The book varies in type size and style throughout, showing what can be done and the ways of doing it.

It is important to remember, this is one person's own way of 'putting it all together'. Credit is due to Jim Dunn for attempting to do so and for passing on his experiences to others. His trials and errors may lesson your own after reading this book.

Copies are available from Mr. J.A. Dunn, 'Perryfoot', 3 & 4 Station Road, Godley, Hyde, Cheshire, SK14 3BJ. Price £2.95 (inc. postage).

TRACING MISSING PERSONS by Colin D. Rogers. Pub. Manchester University Press. 188pp.

This book, by the author of the highly successful book 'The Family Tree Detective', is an excellent introduction to the methods, agencies and sources available to enable one to find and contact anyone alive in England and Wales, be it long-lost relatives or former friends or colleagues. It covers already well-known agencies, such as the police, the Salvation Army and the media, and gives detail of the nature and scope of their work. The bulk of the book covers a wide range of personal records, from those which are freely available to the public to those that are protected by section 2 of the Official Secrets Act. In each case the reader is told what is recorded, who has access to the records and how the records may be used to trace a missing person.

Only two pages are devoted to a step-by-step guide to using the sources described in the book and there are some obvious omissions from the sources themselves, eg - membership of both public and private institutional libraries. Nevertheless, most of the records that are dealt with by the author are usable by the public (via redirection of mail), if not generally accessible, or can be exploited if the cause is good.

'Tracing Missing Persons' is an indispensable book for anyone who has ever wanted to find a lost relative, an old friend or neighbour, or ex-workmate. For anyone struggling to find a lost ancestor, 'The Family Tree Detective' is essential reading.

(see pages 17/18 of this issue of Branch News)

Philip Jones

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, MELLOR, Nr. STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE: (Originally in Derbyshire)

Member Mrs. C. Pritchard of 33, Gower Rd., Halesowen, West Midlands B62 9BY writes to say that there has recently been placed in Mellor Church, a large plan of the churchyard with all the graves plotted. Details of the information from the gravestones are held at the church. Mrs. Pritchard would like to hear from anyone who knows of any references to TAPEWEAVING in the TANSLEY and WIRKSWORTH areas.

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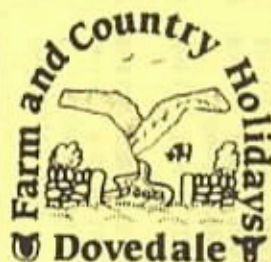
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ESPERANTO: 1987 is the centenary year of the international language Esperanto. This language started life in Warsaw in 1887 and soon gained adepts throughout Europe. People in Britain began to learn Esperanto around the turn of the century, and many Esperanto societies were set up throughout the country prior to the first world war. Their activities were disrupted by both world wars, but most of them still meet today. However, minute books, photographs and early letters giving accounts of their activities have largely disappeared.

I would be grateful to hear from anyone whose parents or grandparents learned and used Esperanto during the first fifty years of its life. I am anxious to trace missing letters, postcards and other documents which might shed light on the early history of the Esperanto movement in Britain. All letters will be acknowledged. Hilary Chapman, Historical Advisor, Esperanto Centenary Committee, 34 Llwyn Estyn, Deganwy, Gwynedd, LL31 9RA.

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