



East Surrey Family History Society

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WELCOME to the **August 2015** edition of the e-newsletter.

It's summertime and the days are long so there are good opportunities to get out and explore where your ancestors lived – or where you would have liked them to live! In the Fieldwork section I have some photos and notes from a guided walk with Stephen Humphrey in the parish of St John Horseleydown, near Tower Bridge. I also have photographs and details from a guided tour of Nunhead Cemetery, so possibly where your ancestors were on a less happy occasion. I talked about the Burial records for this cemetery last month when they became available at Deceased Online but now I can show you the cemetery itself.

We have our regular indoor meetings to look forward to and don't forget the one day conference on **'Modern times: The Influence of Technology on the history of Family and Place'** which ESFHS is co-hosting with three other societies at the National Archives, Kew, on Saturday 26th September, 10am-4pm. Tickets are still available at £15 each.

Use this link to book a place:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/modern-times-the-influence-of-technology-on-the-history-of-family-and-place-tickets-17114149883>



**MODERN TIMES:
THE INFLUENCE OF
TECHNOLOGY ON THE
HISTORY OF FAMILY AND PLACE**

The National Archives, Kew
26 September 2015 10am – 4pm

co-hosted by
East Surrey Family History Society • Friends of The
National Archives • London Historians • Richmond Local History Society

speakers

- David Hassard, Kingston Aviation Project - The 20th century history of airplane construction in Kingston and Richmond
- Julie Halls, TNA records specialist for the Board of Trade Registers
- David Thomas (recently retired TNA director) - Stage Coaches
- Professor Tim Hitchcock (University of Sussex) - Digital Resources including Old Bailey Online, Locating London's Past, London Lives and Connected Histories

Afternoon tea and coffee provided.
Bring your own lunch or eat at TNA restaurant

£12 early bird, then £15

Detailed planning for the conference is yet to be finalised.
Booking online at Eventbrite (opens soon) or by post (details soon)

Bring your own lunch or eat at the TNA café. Afternoon tea and coffee provided.

The **Sources** section looks at DNA Testing. As I mentioned last month I am starting to explore DNA testing as a way of discovering my family history. I have been learning about the results of the Autosomal Family Finder test I have recently taken with Family Tree DNA. In this enewsletter I will explain what the test process involved and show you some of the information I have received.

Don't forget to 'Like' our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/ESFHS and if you don't know how to, please see the help document on the Home Page of our FHS website or click this link: <http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/members/enews/ESFHS%20guide%20to%20Facebook.pdf>

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ESFHS UPDATE

GROUP MEETINGS. These always have interesting speakers and are a good opportunity to meet your fellow family historians. The venue details are on the website www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk and in the Journal.

SUTTON – Thursday 6th August at 7.45pm. Informal Members' Meeting.
Share brick walls and perhaps solve them? Plus plan 2016 Sutton talks.

This is a very important meeting for the Sutton Group. We have to decide if this Group should continue because unless someone (or two or more people?) comes forward to help run this Group it will close at the end of the year. The Group Chairman, Joanna, has provided a description of the vacant Group Secretary role and how it might be divided up.

“As many of you are aware the Sutton Branch has been without a Branch Secretary since Chris Pocock died suddenly early in January this year. I was happy to carry out the duties of both Chairman and Secretary until a permanent Secretary could be found, not expecting that no one would come forward to fill this important role. This is now an urgent matter, as speakers need to be arranged for next year, as soon as possible. As there is more than one way to skin a cat, as the saying goes, I have some suggestions to make, which involve dividing the role, as we really need more people to run the group.

The Branch Secretary could simply be responsible for arranging the talks, contacting and reminding the speakers before the meetings. Any person who volunteered to do this would of course get help and support and advice on where one can source speakers.

We would need a second person, as well as me, to hold a set of keys to the hall in case one of the key holders is unable to come. This person should be willing to help set up the hall with help.

There is also a need to have someone to set up the electrical equipment.

Two people currently do the teas and coffees, one having done it for ten years plus, so they might like a break sometimes.

Now if people were prepared to job share they would not always need to arrive early and would still have time to chat before the meetings.

Judith Mitchell has helped set up the Sutton meetings since she joined ESFHS and is now the Secretary of the society, which means she is the main contact for the whole society on a day to day basis. Therefore I feel it is unfair to expect her to continue to do so. I would like to express my gratitude for all the support she has given me since the beginning of this year.

If no one comes forward to help run the Sutton branch I will be standing down as chairman at the end of this year."

SOUTHWARK - Monday 10th August at 12 noon** and will be on **'Shipping, Shipwrecks and Masters of the Merchant Navy: The Lloyd's Marine Collection'** with Jeanie Smith. Jeanie is the Assistant Librarian at Guildhall Library and she will take us through this important maritime collection which offers resources for study of the Merchant Navy from 1741 to the present, including ships' details, shipping movements and casualties.

*** Please check your journey to Southwark. There may be transport changes arising out of the rebuilding of London Bridge station which will continue until at least 2018!*

Check www.tfl.gov.uk There have also been some strikes on the Tube recently so please do check your travel plans.

RICHMOND – There is no August meeting. The next meeting is **Saturday 12 September at 2.30pm** with a talk on **"Post-reformation churches'** by Stephen Humphrey.

LINGFIELD – **There is no August meeting.** The next meeting is Wednesday **23 September at 2.30pm** when we will hear about **'East Surrey in 1851'** from Dr Ron Cox, including people & places in the census year.

Now here's an offer you can't refuse – A FREE LUNCH!!

The Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) is the over-arching organisation that represents the interests of Family History Societies such as us. There are over 220 member societies worldwide and we welcome FFHS's advice on legal, data protection, charity law and other relevant matters. See www.ffhs.org.uk for more information.

Topic of the moment is 'how to tackle falling membership levels' and while your Committee has some ideas about this **WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU** – the Members!!

Please let us know your views at secretary02@eastsurreyfhs.org.uk or, better still, attend this event in Coalbrookdale and get your **free lunch!**

Event information from FFHS:

**Coalbrookdale & Ironbridge Community Centre, 2 Wellington Road,
Coalbrookdale, Telford TF8 7DX**

Saturday 19th September 2015 10.30am - 12.30pm

“Ever wondered if we’re missing something?

There’s no doubt that Family History Research is most definitely ‘on trend’. Just look at the many commercial organisations making a healthy profit from that popularity. That’s right, successful data providers, software houses, programme makers, publishers and authors all appear to be ‘doing very nicely, thank you’ out of our favourite hobby.

On the other hand, many long established Family History Societies are now really struggling to maintain their membership numbers, let alone grow them. Do we really understand why? Most importantly, is there anything we can actually do about it?

FFHS is here to help with a FREE mini-seminar entitled:

Society Membership – Time to Act!

During this mini-seminar (being held prior to and at the same venue as our FFHS General Meeting) we’ll consider:

Falling Membership - Suggested Reasons and Solutions

with Peter Bailey, Families in British India Society Chairman

Innovate or Die - Engaging the next generation in Family History

with Michael Turner, Preston LDS Family History Centre Director

And whilst eating your **FREE bagged lunch**, you’ll have an opportunity to talk with like-minded individuals from other Family History Societies!

For more information and to book your place please visit

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ffhs-society-membership-time-to-act-mini-seminar-tickets-17778755737>

Closing date for registration Friday September 11th,

How can you resist?

Local News Items

Richmond Poor Relief Indexes Online

Thank you, Surrey History Centre, for putting this online. The indexes list 103,000 names of people applying for poor relief in Richmond Poor Law Union between 1870 and 1912, and these are searchable, free of charge on Surrey History Centre’s website. These records are a rare survival and may contain extra information about

relatives. Richmond Union included the parishes of Richmond, Kew, Petersham, North Sheen, Barnes and Mortlake. More detail on Peter Higginbottom's marvellous Workhouses website: <http://www.workhouses.org.uk/RichmondSurrey/>

This page explains the records and their contents:

<http://new.surreycc.gov.uk/heritage-culture-and-recreation/archives-and-history/surrey-history-centre/surrey-history-centre-help-for-researchers/archives-and-history-research-guides/poor-law-records/richmond-poor-law-union-application-and-report-books>

and at the bottom of the page you can open the relevant part of the database. The records are ordered in alphabetical order of Applicant Surname.

To search the indexes, simply select the filenames below:

Files available to download

-  [Richmond Poor Law Union application and report books A - B \(1.3 MB\)](#)
-  [Richmond Poor Law Union application and report books C -D \(1.4 MB\)](#)
-  [Richmond Poor Law Union application and report books E - H \(1.8 MB\)](#)
-  [Richmond Poor Law Union application and report books I - O \(1.8 MB\)](#)
-  [Richmond Poor Law Union application and report books P - R \(1.4 MB\)](#)
-  [Richmond Poor Law Union application and report books S - V \(1.3 MB\)](#)
-  [Richmond Poor Law Union application and report books W - Z \(780.1 KB\)](#)

When you click on a file it opens like this and you can scroll up and down the list, or use CTRL + F to open a Find Search box.

Richmond Poor Law Union application and report books

Date of Application	Surname	First Name	Parish	Age	Comments	Page	Volume
19/05/1899	Fairbrother	Elizabeth	Richmond	65		95	BG10/55/51
27/07/1895	Fairbrother	Frances	Richmond	61		29	BG10/55/49
19/05/1899	Fairbrother	Isabella	Richmond	74		95	BG10/55/51
11/12/1899	Falconer	John	Richmond	26		20	BG/10/55/52
10/10/1906	Falkner	Sam	Richmond	78		43	BG10/55/88
14/03/1912	Fallaize	Doris Theresa	Barnes	6		10	BG10/55/78
14/03/1912	Fallaize	Florence	Barnes	27		10	BG10/55/78
14/03/1912	Fallaize	Florence L	Barnes	7		10	BG10/55/78
14/03/1912	Fallaize	Joseph R	Barnes	37		10	BG10/55/78
13/09/1890	Fancourt	Ellen	Mortlake	38	Dead. Husband, Robert Fancourt	125	BG10/55/42
24/10/1895	Fancourt	Fredrick	Richmond	62		54	BG10/55/49
10/05/1910	Fannine	Annie	Richmond	32		118	BG10/55/61

'The Huguenots and Wandsworth'. Guided walk (£) on Saturday 22nd August 2015

See www.huguenotsofspitalfields.org for further details, price and payment.

Another new bridge across the Thames www.nineelmslondon.com/bridge (30 July 2015)



A new pedestrian and cycle bridge is being planned to connect the forest of new skyscrapers at Nine Elms/Vauxhall to Pimlico on the north bank of the Thames. This will make another link between East Surrey Family History Society and London and West Middlesex Family History Societies.

Maybe a while yet, though!

What have you been missing on the East Surrey Family History Society Facebook Page?

If you 'Like' our Page you will see our posts automatically in your News feed so you will always have the latest. A couple of recent items have been:

East Surrey Family History Society
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 16 July at 09:56 ·

More online treasures!! I found a 16th century strip map for the journey between Bristol (Glos) and Banbury (Oxfordshire). My ancestors probably used this (or the river Thames) to get from Tewkesbury to Oxford.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-33462244>



New Bodleian Libraries website makes academic material public - BBC News
A new website makes thousands of books, maps and manuscripts from the Bodleian Libraries in Oxford available to the public.
BBC.CO.UK

East Surrey Family History Society via Can't Find My Past
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 27 July at 11:34 · Edited ·

Find your WW1 Merchant Navy ancestor. Check out the TNA link here.
<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/.../search-merchant-navy-.../>



Crew Lists of the British Merchant Navy – 1915
For the first time ever, the Crew Lists of the British Merchant Navy from the year 1915 have been digitised and made available to search for free. Find relatives and loved ones via our database of over 39,000 crew lists.
1915CREWLISTS.RMG.CO.UK

Local History Societies

Local history puts the 'meat on the bones' of our ancestors. I am featuring some local history societies each month.

Redhill Local Family Centre – Local and Family History Centre

www.surreycc.gov.uk/redhilllocalhistory Tel: 0300 200 1001 Email: contact.centre@surreycc.gov.uk

The Redhill Centre encourages interest in local and family history in Redhill, Reigate, Bletchingley, Buckland, Earlswood, Gatton, Leigh, Merstham, Nutfield, Salfords and Sidlow.

The Centre is based at Redhill Library, Warwick Quadrant, Redhill, Surrey, RH1 1NN. The library is open Mon-Sat 9am to 6pm or 7pm (5pm on Sats).

The website says: 'If you visit the Family History Centre at the following times each month except August, volunteers are available to help you use the resources and equipment.

○ First and third Saturday 2pm - 4pm

○ Second and Fourth Thursday 4.30pm - 6.30pm'

Leatherhead and District Local History Society <http://www.leatherheadlocalhistory.org.uk/>

Leatherhead Museum, Hampton Cottage, 64 Church Street, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 8DP
tel: 01372 386348 or email staff@lheadmuseum.plus.com

This Society was formed in 1946 for everyone interested in the history of the Leatherhead area including Ashstead, Bookham, Fetcham and Headley. They are based in Hampton Cottage, 64 Church Street, which is also the home of the Leatherhead Museum of Local History/Leatherhead Institute. You have to become a member to search their online archives (Ordinary Members £18 pa). They hold about 200 publications about Leatherhead, Fetcham, Bookham or Ashtead.

The website says: 'The Society owns copies of almost all books relating to this area which have been published, and many relating to adjoining areas such as Mickleham and Epsom. They include many parish magazines, directories, church and school histories, and all of the Society's publications.

Access to the Library is restricted to Members of Leatherhead and District Local History Society. It is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. exceptionally, arrangements may be made to use it at other times by applying to the Museum.'

OTHER NEWS

'Legacies of British Slave Ownership' database (thanks to Sylvia for this)

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/lbs/project/details>

You may have seen a couple of television programmes recently which gave the background to this research which has resulted in an online Encyclopaedia of British Slave-ownership. The database contains every slave-owner in the British Caribbean, Mauritius or the Cape at the moment of abolition in 1833. Entries include information about the activities, affiliations and legacies of these men and women, with a particular emphasis on the "absentee" owners based in Britain. The slave

owners received compensation when slavery was abolished and these were very significant sums of money. The online records relate to the slave owners; the registers of the enslaved are held by the National Archives.

The database might be uncomfortable reading - I searched on some family names, crossing my fingers that no-one would appear on the list. You can search by name or place.

The TV programme discussed some people called 'Luard' who received large compensation sums so I have used this name in the example search below.

The screenshot shows the search results for 'Luard' on the Legacies of British Slave-ownership website. The page title is 'Advanced Search' and it shows 2 individuals. The first individual is Henry Luard, an Awardee (Trustee) with a record for St Kitts 721 (Bowyan (?)) £5064 15s 2d [328 Enslaved]. The second individual is Peter John Luard, a slave-owner and antecedent of claimant or beneficiary.

The screenshot shows the profile page for Henry Luard (1792 - 1860). He is identified as a claimant or beneficiary. The biography states he is the fifth son of Captain Peter John Luard (q.v.) of Blyborough Hall. His career as general manager of the London and County Bank (1841-56) ended in scandal. He died on 18/05/1860 in Devon, with effects under £3000.

Sources

1. Iain S. Black, 'Luard, Henry (1792–1860)', ODNB.
2. National Probate Calendar.

Further Information

Absentee?	British/Irish
Spouse	Jane Richards
Children	Henry Richards Luard (1825-1891), Louisa Harriet, 3 other sons
Wealth at death	£3,000
Occupation	Banker
Oxford DNB Entry	Visit Oxford Dictionary of National Biography site

Associated Claims (1)

St Kitts 721 (Bowyan (?))	£5,064 15S 2D	Awardee (Trustee)	DETAILS
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Commercial (9)

RAILWAY INVESTMENT	Direct London and Manchester [1846102]	£2000	DETAILS
RAILWAY INVESTMENT	Buckinghamshire (Tring to Banbury) [184656]	£4040	DETAILS
RAILWAY INVESTMENT	Buckinghamshire (Oxford and Bletchlet Junction) [184655]	£4040	DETAILS
RAILWAY INVESTMENT	North Kent [1846402]	£3500	DETAILS
RAILWAY INVESTMENT	Cheltenham, Oxford, and London and Birmingham Union; or Charlton Kings and Marsworth [183732]	£3000	DETAILS
RAILWAY INVESTMENT	Eastern Counties (Tottenham and Farringdon-street) [1846132]	£7000	DETAILS
GENERAL MANAGER	London & County Joint Stock Banking Company		DETAILS
RAILWAY INVESTMENT	Birmingham, Bristol and Thames Junction [183705]	£2000	DETAILS
FIRM INVESTMENT	Henry Luard West India merchant		DETAILS

Relationships (1)

Henry Luard	SON → FATHER	Peter John Luard	DETAILS
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Addresses (2)

21 Lombard Street, City of London, Middlesex, London, England	DETAILS
46 York Terrace, London, Middlesex, London, England	DETAILS

Women – No longer a ‘perfect nuisance’ in the Civil Service

It's only 40 years since the 1975 Sex Discrimination Act said that women should be treated the same as men in the areas of education, housing and employment. This was the third of three very significant laws that catapulted women out of the home and into the workplace in the twentieth century. The earlier laws were:

- The Sex Disqualification Removal Act 1919. This repealed the marriage bar, however, women were still expected to leave work on marriage and this remained the norm, despite the Act, until 1946.
- the Equal Pay Act 1970

See this Blog by Vicky Iglisowski, 26 May 2015, on the YouGov website which outlines the impact of this legislation on women and the civil service and reveals how 'married women' were described as 'a perfect nuisance' by someone at the Treasury in 1947 (TNA Ref T275/137)!

<https://history.blog.gov.uk/2015/05/26/a-perfect-nuisance-the-history-of-women-in-the-civil-service/>

Surgeons at Sea – Journals from Convict Ships to Australia (thanks Judith)

Here's an unusual source that you might find of interest.

CONTENTS
Under the heading "The People", is the main database listing those recorded in the Surgeons' journals. Convicts and their children, soldiers, crew, free settlers and their families and even colonial officials are among those listed. In total there are 52,244 entries, each showing, where possible, the status and age of each individual and their medical condition or punishment. The person's ship and year of arrival are also given, along with the name of the surgeon and the number of the film. The database called "The Strays" lists those from ships other than convict transports to the Australian colonies which also appeared in the films.

There is a list of the 670 ships whose surgeons' journals were transcribed. There are a few from 1817 until the end of transportation, but unfortunately not all journals have survived for inclusion in the films. Each ship is shown with its year and port of arrival, along with its surgeon and film reel reference. If it is listed in "The Strays" this is shown by a *Listed separately* note.

Under the title of "The Surgeons" is a list of all those surgeons whose journals were transcribed with their ship and year of arrival.

A total of 436 medical conditions mentioned in the journals have been described using 18th century medical dictionaries.



SURGEONS AT SEA AN INDEX TO THE FILMED SURGEONS' JOURNALS ON THE CONVICT SHIPS TO AUSTRALIA, WITH SOME STRAYS

Edited by Ken Shilling

With the assistance of Anne Creevey, Sylvia Heath, Jane Ison, Margaret Robson, Elaine Sheehan, Maree Shilling and Sue Wood as transcribers.

Also Dr Ann Westmore who provided 18th century definitions for the medical terms and Dr Pam Harrison for additional historical material.

And Clive Maddocks for the IT work to complete the CD.

These people are all past or present members of the Newcastle Family History Society Inc, with the exception of Dr Ann Westmore who is from the University of Melbourne.

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A major part of the CD is that called "Their Stories" where the surgeons' own notes and records have been used to give an idea of what it was like to journey under sail to Australia on a transport ship. In this section will be found some details of treatments and the methods used by the surgeons to ensure the health of their charges and maintain discipline under often quite trying circumstances.

Included in this section are a number of short biographies of individual surgeons with much of the detail and information derived from www.medicalpioneers.com.

Further information can be found by consulting the films or accessing the scanned journals on Ancestry.com.

Instructions on how to install Surgeons at Sea for Windows and Mac are included with the CD.

Surgeons at Sea needs to run through Internet Explorer (IE) so that the FileMaker applications included can function. This happens automatically when the CD is launched, provided IE is installed on your PC.

This CD is licensed for use on a single computer only.

Licences for multiple computers may be obtained from FileMaker Inc, 02 8987 8300 in Australia.

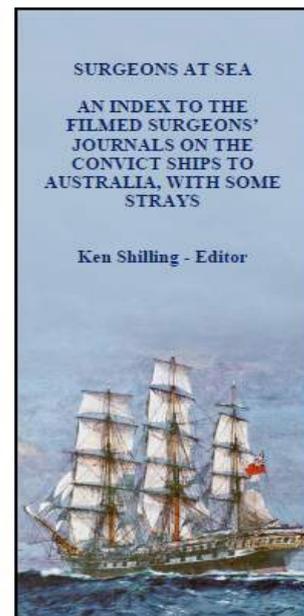
SURGEONS AT SEA

There is a view often expressed by writers of popular history that the whole convict system was one of absolute degradation and abuse. The transport ships in particular, often come under fire with the term "hell ships" commonly used. While on the other hand it cannot be claimed that everything that occurred during the period of transportation to the Australian colonies was always good and kind, there is a middle ground that more accurately reflects the experiences of the convicts, soldiers and settlers who laid the foundations for the Federation of today.

As a result of the examination we have made of the filmed Surgeons' Journals we can at least come to some conclusions about the transport ships and the people who managed them. While some of the early voyages were indeed horrific, with many deaths and much illness among the prisoners on arrival, these events brought about radical changes which ensured that many subsequent sailings were accomplished without loss of life and all on board arriving fit and well.

Make up your own mind by reading the *Stories from the Journals* on the CD and examining the two databases which record the entries from the Sick Lists.

The surgeon-superintendents who managed the health and welfare of the persons aboard each transport were in the main highly competent Royal Navy surgeons with much sea experience. They should be warmly congratulated for a job well done.



ORDER FORM	
To: The Secretary Newcastle Family History Society Inc. P.O. Box 233 LAMBTON, NSW 2299	
I wish to purchase a copy of the CD SURGEONS AT SEA	
CD (\$50.00 each)	\$
Postage (\$5.00 each)	\$
Payment enclosed	\$ _____
Please make cheques payable to NFHS Inc. Sending cash in the mail is risky and we are unable to accept responsibility if your order does not reach us.	
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Phone no: _____	
Email: _____	
Signed: _____	

FIELDWORK

Horselydown – a few highlights from a guided walk with Stephen Humphrey

This is a small area on the river Thames near Tower Bridge and was the ‘country’ end of Southwark in the 12th century. The name Horselydown means ‘hill by the horse marsh’ (‘down’ is the hill bit; ‘e(l)y’ is the marsh bit) and the hill is very slight!

St John’s Parish was detached from the eastern end of St Olave’s, Southwark, and was formally called St John’s Southwark but it was popularly called St John’s Horselydown. This boundary marker is in Druid Street (formerly ‘Parish Street’ because this is where the Workhouse was). The marker says ‘O & I 6 1794’ which

means ‘6th marker (St) O(lave) and (St) I(ohn) 1794’.

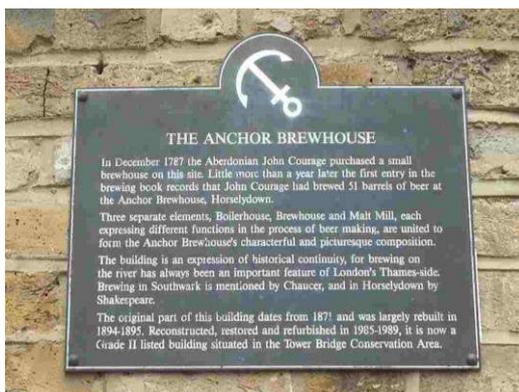


St John’s church was built in 1818 by architects including Hawkesmoor, but was apparently unremarkable. It was destroyed by WW2 bombing; the foundations remain and have been reused for the present day offices of the London City Mission.

Shad Thames is a roadway alongside the river, near Tower Bridge. ‘Shad’ might be a corruption of ‘St John at’ or from the fish called a ‘Shad’. A street nearby is called Pickle Herring Street.

The former Courage’s Anchor Brewery (established 1787), is here, straddling the entrance to Horselydown Old Stairs. The Stairs

were used by Thames watermen to pick up and drop passengers.



Most of this area is given over to warehouses, many of which are now converted to flats.



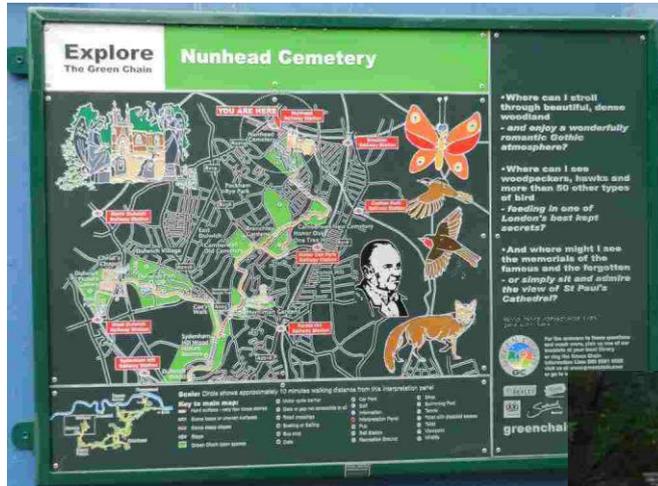
A walk in Nunhead Cemetery, Linden Grove, Nunhead, SE15 3LP

Southwark Group recently enjoyed a visit to Nunhead Cemetery guided by one of the Cemetery Friends. The Cemetery is a two minute walk from Nunhead railway station. Park Rangers (020 7732 9535) can help visitors with mobility requirements.



The cemetery of All Saints, Nunhead, was

created by the London Cemetery Company and consecrated by the Bishop of Winchester on 29th July 1840 (so 175 years old this week!) The northwest corner was reserved as a burial ground for dissenters.



You arrive through monumental gates (recently conserved) and two, once fine, lodges. The Anglican chapel was built in 1844 but is now a

ruin. The Dissenters' Chapel, and its burial ground was destroyed by a bomb in WW2. A quarter of a million people have been buried at Nunhead over the years, in the 52 acre site, but the cemetery fell into a derelict state in the 1950s and was badly vandalised. In 1969 the owners abandoned it.



In 1976 Southwark Council bought the Cemetery for £1 and it now has responsibility for the whole site. The Friends were formed in 1981 and have carried out conservation and repair works since 1984. They and the Council jointly administer a

Lottery award of £1.2 million received in 1998 to protect and preserve the site.



We were privileged to be able to enter the burial vault under the Anglican chapel. The coffins and their name plates have long been separated so no-one knows who is who in the vault.

Q. I've discovered my ancestor is buried at Nunhead. Can I visit the actual grave?

A. Probably not, I'm afraid. Not because of any administrative restriction, more like brambles, nettles, tree roots and dangerous structures. The image right is a very clear area!



There are plot and grave numbers and some tombs do carry the details but the graves are not in number order within a plot!!

The example left is Grave number 45940 in Plot 54. (Each 'plot' is a quarter of an acre.)

Paupers' graves, see right, with simple wood surrounds, may carry small stones that identify some of the inhabitants.



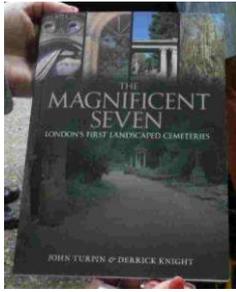
As the cemetery is now a Conservation and Wildlife friendly place, the vegetation is growing naturally, and very successfully, and you can't slash and burn to find your gravestone if it is not, conveniently, by the pathway.

Best to be content that your ancestor is resting in a peaceful and beautiful place, visited regularly by birds, bees and butterflies and surrounded by trees and flowers.

There are some fine tombs near the pathways and some carry a lot of genealogical information or addresses.



The War graves have always been well tended.



More information in 'The Magnificent Seven' by John Turpin and Derrick Knight. Amberley publishing £14.99 cover price. ISBN: 9781445600383

Membership of the Friends costs £2 a year and you receive a quarterly newsletter. The meetings in the Community Hall, Nunhead Lane, in March, September and December have a guest speaker. The first Sunday in each month, 10.00 to 16.30, is a Volunteer Work Day where you will have the opportunity to tackle a wide variety of jobs from path clearance to monument restoration.

More details at: www.fonc.org.uk and their publications are listed at: <http://www.fonc.org.uk/publication-list.html>

SOURCES

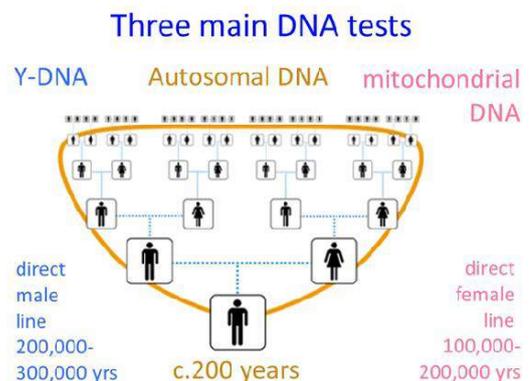
Update on my personal experience with DNA testing

I've had my DNA tested as I'm curious to see what the results will show. It may help with my family history - I don't know, it may not. At the moment I don't understand enough about the process or how to interpret the results, despite attending several talks on the topic! I guess you need to have some test results before you listen properly. I realise I may lose some readers at this point but I hope I can share my journey with some of you.

I tested with Family Tree DNA, mainly because of the recommendations made by Debbie Kennett who I have heard speak on DNA for family history on a number of occasions. She says that this company has more European customers so there is a greater chance for me, a European, to find matches.

I ordered the test kit and two tests (mitochondrial or **mtDNA**, for short, as I'm a woman, and **autosomal** which applies to both men and women). I did this online at www.familytreedna.co.uk/

The total cost for the two tests was USD 307.95 (approx. £197) which was charged to my credit card. I received the kit after a couple of weeks (from the USA) and opened and read the instructions. All very simple, it involved scrapping the inside of my cheek with a small plastic stick for 30-60 seconds and then popping the detachable stick end into a small bottle. I did this for both sticks/bottles (for the two different tests, I presume), put the bottles in the return envelope and sealed it. I posted the envelope at the Post Office, requesting 'parcel post' delivery, as recommended in the instructions. I also had it 'tracked'. Total cost £8.80.



Then I waited. Quite a few weeks.

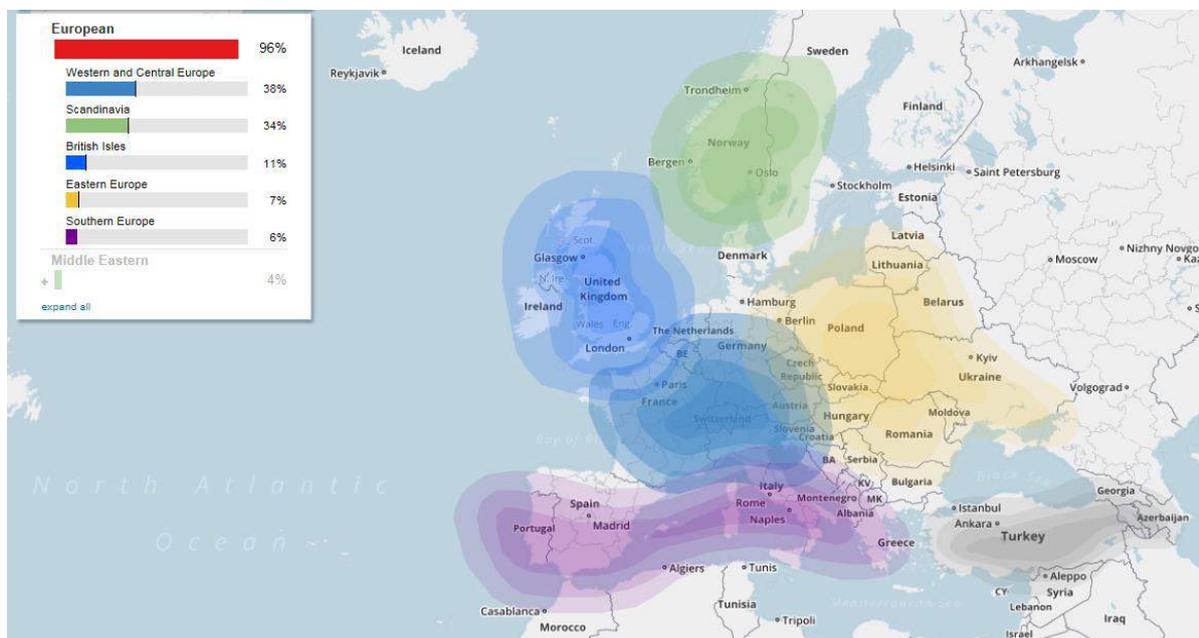
I have received my Autosomal test results which I access online at the Family Tree DNA website (password protected). The mitochondrial DNA results are scheduled for another week or two's time. Not a rapid turnaround but I think the test lab can only work so fast and maybe Debbie has been doing an excellent job promoting their service.

So, what do my results tell me?

The Autosomal Test identifies matches between my DNA and other people on the FamilyTreeDNA database. Men and women. I will be related to them on any ancestral line. The results will be most reliable where we have been identified as possible '2nd-4th cousins'.

That's a lot of ancestors to look at and I haven't fully explored all my lines. I have a few possible 'close' matches to investigate but I also have a lot more reading and understanding to do first and I'll say more about how I'm getting on in a future newsletter.

I have received a colourful map, though, indicating my ancestral origins



But Debbie says this is not very reliable and just indicates which continent your ancestry comes from.

I found the following presentations on YouTube www.YouTube.com which were really useful to set the scene and to understand the scope and usefulness of the various tests:

'DNA Testing for Beginners' by Debbie Kennett. Lecture given at this year's WDYTYA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b9RyoEVDG7o>

'I've got my autosomal DNA results now what do I do?' by Debbie Kennett.

Lecture given at this year's WDYTYA.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aAYON4gxjil>

"The Genetic History of the United Kingdom: the POBI (People of the British Isles) project.

" Using the DNA of individuals sampled across England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, Garrett Hellenthal (UCL) illustrates the striking correlation between an individual's genetics and their geographic origins."

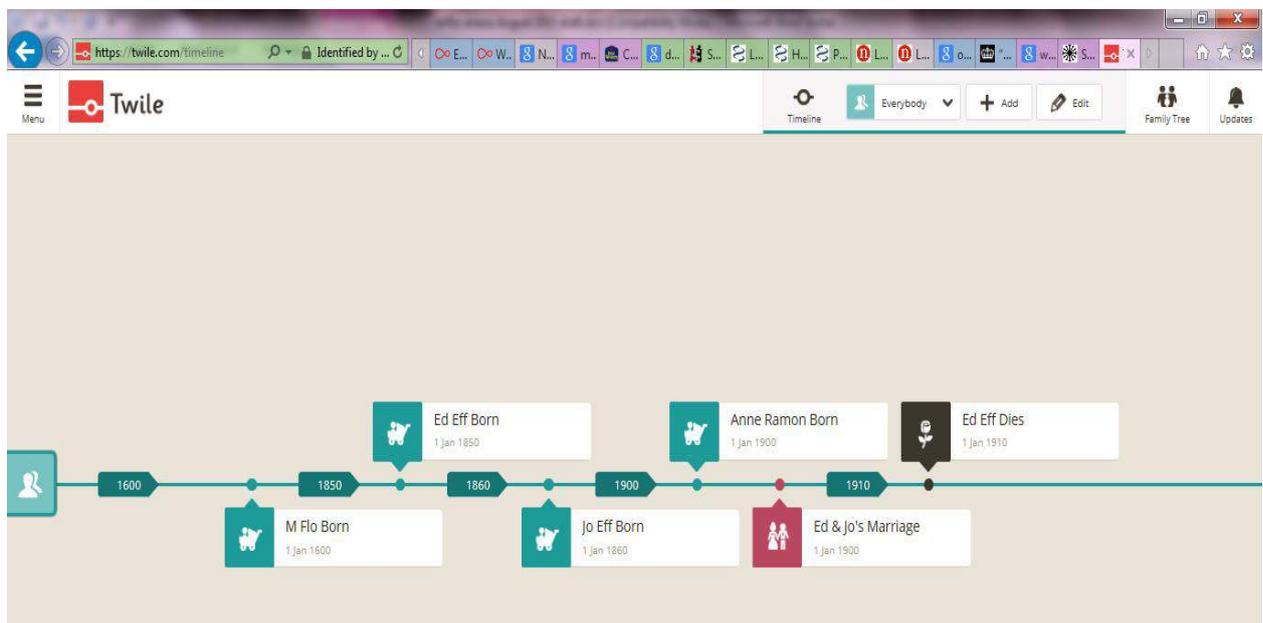
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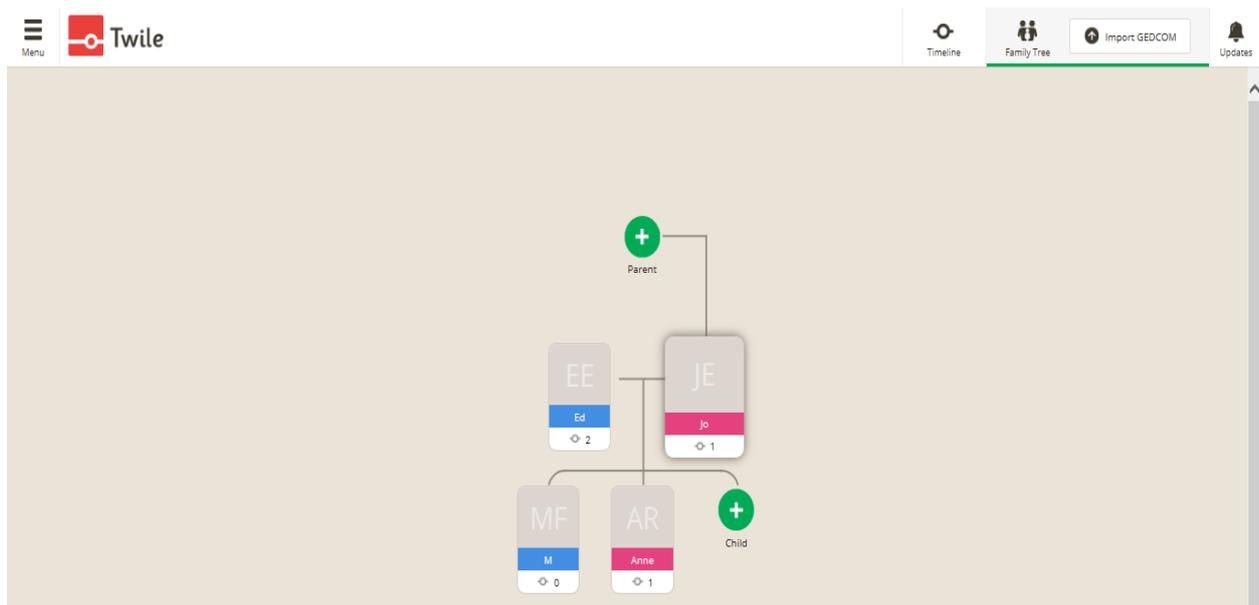
Website Update

I am indebted to the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies (IHGS) for these updates www.ihgs.ac.uk

News

New website **Twile** (www.twile.com) allows family historians to create visual timelines of their family history, made up of milestones and photos from their ancestors' lives. I entered some names, dates and relationships to see what it would look like – see below. Timeline on top, family tree below. You can upload photographs and whole GEDCOM trees if you like. Very easy and a bit of fun!





Who Do You Think You Are? TV series

The stars of the 12th series of **Who Do You Think You Are?** have been announced. Airing this summer, it will cover the family histories of Paul Hollywood, Jerry Hall, Sir Derek Jacobi, Anne Reid, Jane Seymour, Gareth Malone, Frances de la Tour, Frank Gardner, Mark Gatiss and Anita Rani.

Websites

Please be careful! You have to subscribe, and pay, to use some of these web sites. If you need any help or advice please speak to a Committee member at any of the Society meetings. To open a site, click on the blue address then press both the CTRL key and Click on your keyboard simultaneously.

FamilySearch (free) <https://familysearch.org/> has added:

- Hue & Cry Index 1797-1810
- Irish Petty Courts 1828 to 1912
- Kent marriage records - parishes of Queenborough, Shepherdswell, Ashford, Aldington, Birling, Chart Sutton, Snodland, Ryarsh, Kemsing, Halling and Lower Birling. Banns - parishes of Birling, Brenchley, Ryarsh, East Sutton, Borden and Lower Halstow.
- **Surrey, Southwark, St Saviour Poor Relief 1818-1821**
- Canadian border entries through St. Albans, Vermont, District, 1895-1924
- Nova Scotia Vital Records

Deceased Online (search free then £) <https://www.deceasedonline.com/> has added:

- Burials at Bandon Hill Cemetery, Wallington, in the London Borough of Sutton

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search results

Searching for **SMITH**, limited to **United Kingdom / London / Sutton**. Click on a name for further information.

Sort By: Deceased name Similar names: - Similar Names - Results per page: 10

name	summary
Smith, (Child Of)	buried on: 05 April 1938 recorded at: Sutton Cemetery (Sutton)
Smith, (Mrs) (SBC Of)	buried on: 26 September 1925 recorded at: Sutton Cemetery (Sutton)
Smith, (SBC Of)	buried on: 21 October 1971 recorded at: Sutton Cemetery (Sutton)
Smith, Ada Caroline	date of death: 18 October 1971 buried on: 09 September 1932 recorded at: Bandon Hill Cemetery (Sutton)
Smith, Ada Lilian	buried on: 29 November 1949 recorded at: Sutton Cemetery (Sutton)
Smith, Ada Louise	buried on: 29 July 1975 recorded at: Bandon Hill Cemetery (Sutton)
Smith, Adrian Roy	buried on: 15 January 1993 recorded at: Bandon Hill Cemetery (Sutton)
Smith, Agnes	buried on: 28 February 1928

- Rowley Regis Cemetery and Crematorium
- Fallings Heath Cemetery in Wednesbury
- Sandwell Valley Crematorium
- Nunhead Cemetery – see article above and in July 2015 newsletter

FindMyPast (£) - www.findmypast.co.uk/ has added:

- Gibraltar, St Andrew's Kirk
- Home Office, Metropolitan Police and Prison Commission files series 1779 to 1935
- Napoleonic Prisoner of War records 1794 to 1818
- West Norwood burials

Greater London Burial Index Transcription

First name(s)	Abel
Last name	Smith
Age at death	47
Birth year	1799
Burial date	11 Sep 1846
Burial year	1846
Parish	West Norwood Cemetery
Address	Mount Street, Westminster Road, Lambeth
City	London
County	Surrey
Source	South London Burials Index 1545-1905
Record set	Greater London Burial Index
Category	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records
Subcategory	Deaths & burials
Collections from	Great Britain

- Co. Clare Guardians' Minute Books
- Sligo Union Workhouse registers
- Australian Convict Records

Ancestry (£) www.ancestry.co.uk/ has added:

- Army muster books and pay lists covering the period from 1812 to 1817
- **Surrey, Mental Hospital Admissions, 1867-1900**

Surrey, England, Mental Hospital Admissions, 1867-1900 for Priscilla Goodall

Brookwood Asylum > 1880-1884

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Date of last previous Admission (if any).	Date of Admission.	Christian and Surname at length.	Sex.		Age.	Condition as to Marriage.	Condition of life and previous Occupation.	Previous places of Abode.	County, Union, or Parish to which chargeable.	By whose authority sent.	Dates of Medical Certificates, and by whom signed.	Form of Mental Disorder.
			Male.	Female.								
	1882	Priscilla Goodall			24	Single	Widow	Widow	St. Andrew	London	1882	Insane

Surrey, England, Mental Hospital Admissions, 1867-1900

Brookwood Asylum > 1880-1884

ADMISSIONS.

Form of Mental Disorder.	Supposed Cause of Insanity.	Bodily Condition and name of Disease (if any).	Epileptics.	Congenital Idiots.	Duration of existing Attacks.			No. of previous Attacks.	Age on first Attack.	Date of Discharge, Removal, or Death.	Discharged or Removed.			Died.	Visiting Lunatics.	OBSERVATIONS.
					Years.	Months.	Weeks.				Recovered.	Relieved.	Not Improved.			
Insane	Insane	Insane			1			22	22	Dec 29 1882						

- **Surrey, Calendar of Prisoners, 1848-1902**

Surrey, England, Calendar of Prisoners, 1848-1902 for Matilda Goodall

Kingston-upon-Thames > 1858-1860

No.	NAME.	Age.	Trade, Occupation, or Calling.	Degree of Instruction.	Name and Address of Committing Magistrate.	Date of Commitment.	When Received into Custody.	Offence as charged in the Commitment.	When Tried.	Before when Tried.	Verdict of the Jury.	Sentence or Order of the Court.
1	Henry Hesel	23	Labourer	N.	The Hon. G. J. Cornwallis Lyne Grove, Chertsey.	26th Sept., 1859.	26th Sept., 1859.	Feloniously perpetrating an abominable crime in Chertsey.			No Bill for B-y.	
2	William Spang	37	Florist	Imp.	Thomas Terry, Esq., Burvill, Heston, Esher, and J. Sim, Esq., Coombe Wood, Kingston S.W.	8th Nov., 1859.	1st Nov., 1859. On Remand.	Feloniously sending two letters to James Bell, threatening to kill and murder him, at Kingston-upon-Thames.			No Bill for sending a Threatening Letter.	
3	William Hore	63	Farm Labourer	N.	Colonel Goodburn, Redworth House, Bethworth.	10th Nov., 1859.	11th Nov., 1859.	Feloniously marrying one Ellen Horeas, at Burntow, 23rd Mar., 1860, Mr. Justice Brightman. Plead Guilty of 2 Calendar Months hard labour Wandsworth.				

- Australia Newspaper Vital Notices, 1851-1997
- Index to Alien Arrivals at Canadian Atlantic and Pacific Seaports, 1904-1944
- Germany, Prenzlau Marriages, Births and Deaths 1874-
- Germany, Hamburg, , Selected Deaths, 1876-1932
- Germany, Speyer, Domestic Help, 1875-1914

- Romania, Vital Records from Selected Regions, 1607-1914
- New South Wales, Australia, St. John's Parramatta, vital Records
- USA, Lawrence County, Alabama, Burial Index, 1835-2014
- USA, Nevada, Naturalization Petitions, 1956-1991
- USA, Virginia vital and divorce records
- USA, Applications for Authorization for Inter-Island Travel, 1947-1952

Durham Online (search free then £) www.durhamrecordsonline.com/ has added:

- Birtley St. Joseph Roman Catholic marriages 1846-1901
- Escomb baptisms 1546-1764, burials 1543-1764, marriages 1543-1812
- Lamesley baptisms & burials 1730-1765, marriages 1689-1764
- Ovingham burials 1762-1797, Ovingham baptisms 1769-1789 and 1805-1840
- Winston marriages 1574-1797

Roots Ireland (search free then £) www.rootsireland.ie/ has added:

- Sacred Heart Belfast, St Mary's Belfast and St Vincent de Paul Belfast Catholic baptisms 1890 to 1930.
- Wexford births, marriages and deaths

Forces War Records (search free and register for free account then ?) <https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/> has added:

- WO 417 Army Casualty lists 1939-1945

The National Archives (search free, £ some results) www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ has added:

- First World War service records of RAF officers.
- First World War Merchant Navy crew lists for 1915 (with National Maritime Museum).

Library & Archives Canada www.bac-lac.gc.ca/eng has:

- uploaded 7,460 WWI service files

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