



East Surrey Family History Society

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WELCOME to the March 2017 edition of the e-newsletter!

I've included some more extracts from past Journals in this edition as tribute to our 40th anniversary celebrations and I hope these will stir some good memories.

OPEN DAY and AGM 2017

It's nearly the Society's 40th (Official) Birthday!! Nb our Actual Birth day was 22 June 1977!

Reminder! The main celebration will be at the AGM on Saturday 22 April 2017 at the Croydon Park Hotel and we'd love to see as many of our Members (and their family and friends!) there as possible.

Open Day

As well as the talks there will be

the East Surrey bookstall

Help Desk to help with your Surrey queries

Display of photos and reminiscences

EAST SURREY Family History Society
We're 40 years old this year!

Lots of other things happened in 1977
See if you can identify these people who were born, married or died in 1977

The BMD Quiz

If you have any mementoes of your membership, please get in touch as we'd like to put a display together.

Photos, stories, memories etc., anything that tells a bit of Society history.

Perhaps you remember our 25th Anniversary in 2002?



If you have something to share please send it to our Hon Sec Judith Mitchell (see inside cover of the Journal for her contact details) or hand in at a Group meeting for passing on. If people would rather original photos, or possibly documents, were not put on display we quite understand, just let us know, and copies will be made and used instead.

Thank you to all those Members (nearly 100!) who have elected to take their Journal electronically. We can avoid significant costs here.

If you would prefer to receive your Journal electronically please let the Membership Secretary know (membership01@east Surrey fhs.org.uk).

40th Anniversary



1977 - 2017

Open Day & AGM
Saturday 22nd April 2017



1977

Virginia Wade wins Wimbledon

Premiere of 'Saturday Night Fever'

East Surrey Family History Society founded on 25 June

Commodore PET First mass produced personal computer

First Space Shuttle flight

Star Wars premiere

INFLATION DOWN TO 15.8%

Ford Fiesta introduced

First Concorde service to New York

SUBSCRIPTIONS. If you need help renewing your subscription or need to revise your physical/ email addresses, please contact the Membership Secretary at membership01@east Surrey fhs.org.uk

and, as always, information is available on our website www.east Surrey fhs.org.uk

Sources described this month are:

- O More past ESFHS Journals
- O Exploring Surreys Past website

Open Day & AGM
Saturday 22nd April 2017

Croydon Park Hotel
7 Altyre Road, Croydon, CR9 5AA

10:00 Doors open

Talks

Caring for your photos
with Jacqueline Moon

The times they are a'changing
40 years of genealogical research
with Ian Waller

Food for Thought
the Joe Lyons Story
with Neville Lyons

3:30 Annual General Meeting

ESFHS FACEBOOK

See the Facebook excerpts below and if you like them 'Like' our Facebook page – www.facebook.com/ESFHS and you'll get them automatically.

If you don't know how to, please see the help document on the Home Page of our website or click this link:

<http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/members/enews/ESFHS%20guide%20to%20Facebook.pdf>

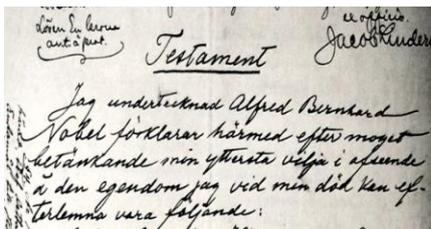
ESFHS UPDATE

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 2nd March 2017 at 7.45pm. We will hear Anne Carter speak on **'How life changed forever in 1914'**.

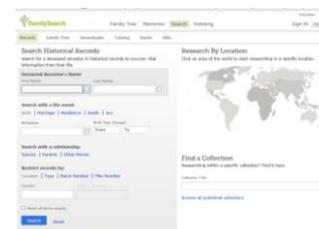


SOUTHWARK – There is no March meeting and the Visit to 'St George the Martyr Church' is on 13th March is now FULL.



The next meeting is on **Monday 10th April at 12.00 noon.** Sharon Hintze will remind us that **'You'll miss treasure if you neglect wills'**. This will be a fascinating look at English wills and probate with the Director of the London Family history Centre, known for her exhaustive knowledge and gentle sense of humour.

RICHMOND – The next meeting is on **Saturday 11th March at 2.30pm** when we will hear Bob Cumberbatch speak on **'Adjusting to 'Improved' Websites - Hints and Help'**. This will include the websites we often use such as FamilySearch, Ancestry, Free BMD, GRO.gov.uk, FindMyPast, etc.



CROYDON - Tuesday 21st March at 7.45 pm. Ian Waller says **'All roads lead to Smithfield'**.

Meat has been traded at Smithfield Market for more than 800 years, making it one of the oldest markets in London. A livestock market occupied the site as early as the 10th century.



LINGFIELD – The next meeting is on **Wednesday 22nd March at 2.30pm**, when Judy Davies will speak about the ‘**Lives of the Street Children**’.



Don't forget to check our Web site for any last minute information www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk.org.uk

ESFHS Website Members' Area - www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk

Here's a reminder about logging on to the Members' Area of the website.

HINT: Your User ID is your Member Number (which is 4 or 5 numbers eg 9999 or 10999) OR the email address you receive your enewsletter on.

Your password is your surname with a capital first letter eg Harrison.



Rob, our Webmaster says:

‘the easier login is email address plus surname (with capitals in the usual place at the beginning, and after Mc or names in double barreled names): Bond, McDonald, Smith-Windsor.

So: User ID donmcduckpond@gmail.com
 Password McDuck-Pond

Or
 User ID 13999
 Password McDuck-Pond



ESFHS Society Event calendar

See the Society website for a List of upcoming talks and events in 2017.

<http://www.eastsurreyfhs.org.uk/events/events-2017.html>

ESFHS Facebook Page <https://www.facebook.com/ESFHS/>

Family history news items, old photographs, talks, events, interesting web sites or Facebook pages. All these and more are shared on our Facebook page. We have some 476 people looking at our posts and occasionally over a thousand! So please join us if you can. Thank you to all the contributors!

East Surrey Family History Society shared **Can't Find My Past's** post.
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 20 February at 10:31 · €

One of my Must Dos this year is to maximise my understanding of my Autosomal DNA results. I used Family tree DNA so I welcome the news that people who have tested with other providers can share their results in the same database. This splendid article explains more.

Can't Find My Past
20 February at 05:28 · €

<http://www.legalgenealogist.com/.../02/19/the-floodgates-open/>



The floodgates open!
Let the transfers begin! It's taken a very long time, but the floodgates are now open for transfers into the autosomal DNA database at Family Tree DNA. And for those who have tested at other c...
LEGALGENEALOGIST.COM

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East Surrey Family History Society
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 19 February at 14:17 · €

This List will help you find what old Road names in the Inner London area have been changed to.
http://www.maps.thehunthouse.com/.../Old_to_New_London_Street...

A-Z Old to New Street names
London Street name changes
MAPS.THEHUNTHOUSE.COM

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East Surrey Family History Society shared **London Metropolitan Archives's** post.
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 14 February at 18:11 · €

Mike knows his way round London's great libraries. Check out his blog on maps!

London Metropolitan Archives
14 February at 17:45 · €

London Historians roll out their Top Ten list (and a few more) of must-see London Maps ...



London Maps You Should Know
Or know about. I contend that you can't begin to understand London's history properly without a pretty decent knowledge of its geography too, and how it's changed over time. The a...
LONDONHISTORIANS.WORDPRESS.COM

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East Surrey Family History Society shared **Kingston Museum and Kingston History Centre's** photo.
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 19 February at 16:55 · €

Perhaps your ancestors lived in Norbiton? Just east of Kingston upon Thames.



East Surrey Family History Society Fascinating celebration for the 175th anniversary on Saturday evening, conducted by Rev Peter Holmes, with a talk on education by Amy, Archivist in Kingston. Display of photographs and plans for Norbiton brought the area and history to life.
Like · Reply · Commented on by Nick McDonald [?] · 20 February at 12:20

East Surrey Family History Society Attended service on Sunday 19th February 2017 to celebrate 175 years of St Peter's Church, who's architect was George Gilbert Scott. Service lead by the Bishop of Kingston.



Like · Reply · Commented on by Nick McDonald [?] · 20 February at 12:09

East Surrey Family History Society Rev. Peter Holmes on Saturday 18th February 2017 celebrations



East Surrey Family History Society
Published by Anne Ramon [?] · 5 February at 23:39 · €

Useful free source for Scottish ancestry
<http://digital.nls.uk/directories>



Scottish Post Office directories - National Library of Scotland
Over 700 digitised historic Scottish Post Office and other directories useful for family, trade and local history research.
DIGITAL.NLS.UK

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Local Events

Sutton's Living Memories

Your Committee is exploring with Tony Brett Young, Chair of the Friends of Sutton Life Centre, if we can help with their Sutton's Living Memories Project.

Here's Tony's letter which explains the Project's ambitions.

'Dear Friend

*Thank you for the interest you have already shown in this project to commemorate the 131 servicemen and civilians who died as a result of the Great War, and are commemorated in Sutton cemeteries. This project has been developed as part of the London Borough of Sutton's World War 1 commemoration activities. Initially the project had the working title of **Adopt a Grave**, but we have now formally called it **Sutton's Living Memories**, a title which fits in with a national scheme being run by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC), and with whom we are in close collaboration.*

I'm delighted to say that we have now been awarded a grant of £9,100 by the Heritage Lottery Fund to carry out the project during the coming year, and the borough's WW1 Commemorative Steering Group has awarded us £500, to bring the total to £9,600. While we have been talking about the project for some time now, it was felt prudent to defer our activities until after the national commemorations of the Battle of the Somme last year.

*I'm therefore happy to say we are ready to proceed and would welcome your input. **The project is being launched by Lord Graham Tope, the chair of the Steering Group on Friday evening, 3 March at Sutton Life Centre at 7 pm and I do hope you will be able to join us then.** The Life Centre's address is 24 Alcorn Close, Sutton, SM3 9PX. It's just off the A217, and opposite the Harvester Pub on Sutton Common Road. Parking available at the rear of the building. The project is being sponsored by the Friends of Sutton Life Centre, a voluntary group which supports activities in the centre.*

We shall be discussing the various elements of the project and hopefully will be able to offer tasks to those who have indicated interest. Some of the work will involve research into the 131 people commemorated in six Sutton cemeteries, and any possible descendants, and we plan to offer training sessions into how this can best be carried out. Other elements of the project will involve setting up and running a Facebook page about the project; creating maps of the location of all 131 plots; clearing paths to the gavel and tending the graves (not the CWGC headstones as this is the responsibility of the local council on behalf of the CWGC); producing information panels for several of the cemeteries; creating, designing and producing a touring exhibition about the project; offering guided walks to associated places; possible vigils; laying of poppies and other flowers on graves on appropriate anniversaries; headstone rubbing; grave hunts; appropriate art works for display; writing of poems and other literary contributions

Many of the Sutton graves are of local people and it is hoped to build up a picture of some of their families. For example Able Seaman Alan Odd, who is buried in Sutton Cemetery, was the son of Montague Odd whose family produced cricket bats for many years in a small factory in West Street, Sutton.

There are a number of other fascinating elements of the project which lend themselves to further research. For example, a number of air force staff who died during WW1 were based at Waddon and Beddington Aerodromes in the east of the borough and are buried at Bandon Hill Cemetery. There's also the story of a number of civilian victims of the war - workers at Brock's North Cheam munitions

factory who died in explosions - and are commemorated in Sutton Cemetery. They include one woman, Eliza Bailey. Our cemeteries also contain the graves of servicemen from other parts of the country and also others attached to Canadian and Australian contingents. It will be interesting to learn more about these people, and possibly why they were buried in Sutton.

I hope this gives a flavour of what we hope to achieve in this project, and I do hope you will be able to join us on 3 March. If not, I shall contact you again the flesh out in more detail how we shall be taking this project forward. There will also be other opportunities to meet fellow volunteers and to learn more about our activities.

To tell you more about the project I attach a link to a 10-minute video about it which you may find of interest.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/te56saelcrb6t2s/Sutton%20Living%20Memory%20HD.mov?dl=0>

Find out how to Research your Family Tree Using the Resources at the Kingston History Centre! Guildhall, High Street, Kingston upon Thames KT1 1EU

Together with Kingston History Centre, East Surrey Family History Society is helping to run **'Introduction to Family History'** sessions at Kingston History Centre, in the Guildhall at Kingston. (The entrance door is at the rear of the building.)

The first two sessions have been very successful and we've helped 18 people start to find their family histories. Further sessions are scheduled for:

Saturday 27 May 2017; Saturday 30 September 2017 and Saturday 25 November 2017

The sessions are free but you need to book a place by ringing the Centre on 0208 547 6738 (open Wed 10 am to 5pm; Thurs 10 am to 7pm; Fri 10 am to 5pm; Sat 10 am to 5pm).

Please encourage your family and friends to come along

https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200239/museum_and_history_centre/548/visit_kingston_history_centre

Surrey History Centre 130 Goldsworth Rd, Woking GU21 6ND

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritage-culture-and-recreation/archives-and-history/surrey-history-centre> (thanks to Judith for this)

Out of Sight, Out of Mind. Talks@Two: The History of Mental Health Care in Surrey 1770 - c.1990 with Julian Pooley. Thursday 2 March, 2pm, Guildford Cathedral

This talk traces the history of the care of the mentally ill and mentally handicapped in Surrey from the late 18th century, using the records of private asylums in Surrey's quarter sessions records but also the archives of Surrey's many mental hospitals: Springfield, Brookwood, Holloway Sanatorium, Royal Earlswood, and the 'Epsom Cluster' of Horton, Long Grove, The Manor, St Ebba's and West Park. It uses medical records and case papers to examine changes in treatments and shows how these records can be used by family historians.

Free admission. Please register for a place by contacting Louise Kenyon on 01483 547886 or email

louise@guildford-cathedral.org

Early Modern Studies Group. 'Bringing Tudor and Stuart Surrey to life: a study day on sources for Surrey history, 1500-1700'. Saturday 11 March, 10.30am - 3.30pm, Surrey History Centre

There will be four speakers, each very experienced in researching Surrey history of this period, speaking about five of the key source materials: wills, probate inventories, parish registers, borough records and the hearth tax. If you are less interested in research but still fascinated by history then this will also be a worthwhile day for you as talks cover the plague, crime, birth, marriage, death and the contents of other people's houses.

Tickets: £12 includes refreshments. Full programme details:

<http://surreyarchaeology.org.uk/sites/default/files/Draft%20Programme%20for%20Early%20Mod%20Gp%2011%20March%202017%20%283%29%20%282%29.pdf>

Contact: Catherine Ferguson on c.m.f.ferguson@btinternet.com or surreyemgroup@gmail.com

Tel: 01483 306189 or book online at

<https://online.surreycc.gov.uk/esuite/esuite.nsf/openEvents?open&fcuid=41FD91377A3117B080257C6800377371&year=0&month=0>

Surrey Local History Committee Annual Symposium 'Feeding the County – Agriculture in Surrey'. Saturday 25 March, 9.30am - 3.50pm, Surrey History Centre

The Local History Committee will be holding their Annual Symposium at Surrey History Centre.

The symposium will cover various aspects of agricultural history and also look at useful sources for historians. It is a very full and varied programme with some excellent speakers which we are sure will be of great interest to local historians across the county. Refreshments will be available throughout the day but please bring your own lunch.

Tickets: £12 includes refreshments. Full programme details:

https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0008/49238/Feeding-the-County-Agriculture-in-Surrey.pdf

Please book a place online at

<https://online.surreycc.gov.uk/esuite/esuite.nsf/openEvents?open&fcuid=41FD91377A3117B080257C6800377371&year=0&month=0>

Or in person at Surrey History Centre or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.

Researching Your Irish Family History, Saturday 20 May 2017, 10am - 12.30pm

Devoted to exploring sources and resources for Irish family history. We will cover most aspects of Irish genealogical research, including the recent publication of online Irish records, and there will be a Q&A session along with plenty of opportunities for discussion. Please note this is expanded from a talk given at the Celtic Family History day in March 2016.

Tickets: £12.50 includes refreshments

Please book a place online at

<https://online.surreycc.gov.uk/esuite/esuite.nsf/openEvents?open&fcuid=41FD91377A3117B080257C6800377371&year=0&month=0>

Or in person at Surrey History Centre or any Surrey Library or phone 01483 518737.

London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) Exhibition. ‘The Londoners – portrait of a working city c1447 – 1980’ (thanks to Judith for this)

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/london-metropolitan-archives/Pages/default.aspx>



The Londoners - portrait of a working city, c1447-1980
Exhibition runs until 5 July 2017

Hundreds of thousands of faces - images of born Londoners and more transient visitors - are preserved forever in our collections.

Winners, losers, the famous or the forgotten, countless Londoners have been recorded as they went about their work in the capital.

From studied portraits to casual snapshots, from fifteenth century drawings to recent colour photographs, the archive brings them all together and presents them as the history of our capital city.

Free - during normal LMA opening hours.

Who Do You Think You Are? Live 2017 at the NEC Birmingham 6-8 April 2017

<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/>



Stars from the hit BBC TV show Victorian Slum will be attending Who Do You Think You Are? Live 2017

And East Surrey Family History Society! Members, Advice Desk and Bookstall. See you there!

Other News

Vision of Britain project to transcribe the text on British 6inch maps of 1900

<http://www.gb1900.org/> and <https://visionofbritainblog.wordpress.com/>

The blog says:

'GB1900 is a crowdsourcing project to transcribe all the text from OS six inch to the mile maps of Great Britain from around 1900, is progressing well. Since launch in late September our 866 registered volunteers have between them done over 1.6million transcriptions, including just under half a million confirmations. Of course there is still much more to do and new volunteers are always welcome (<http://www.gb1900.org/>)

'What can the GB1900 gazetteer be used for when it is complete? There are a number of different ways we have already thought of for how the data might be used, and we will explore some of them on the [progress section](#) of the GB1900 support site as the project continues. No doubt our volunteers will come up with other possibilities which we'd be pleased to hear about.

'GB1900 aims to create a complete list of the estimated three million place-names on early Ordnance Survey maps of Britain. It will be a free, public resource, of particular use to local historians and genealogists.

'The project partners include the National Library of Scotland, the National Library of Wales, and the University of Portsmouth.

'On their new GB1900 web site, <http://www.gb1900.org/>, volunteers will work on digital images of all the 2nd Edition Ordnance Survey County Series maps of the whole of Great Britain, at six inch to one mile scale (1888-1913). These maps show not just every town and village but every farm, hill and wood – and include names for most of them. The site's software enables contributors to mark each name by clicking next to it, and then to type in the name itself. They can also add any personal memories they have of the place. To ensure correctness each name needs to be identically transcribed by two different volunteers.

'The final list of place names will be not just the most detailed gazetteer ever created for Britain, it will be the world's largest ever historical gazetteer. It will be released under a Creative Commons licence, making it usable by everyone without charge, and will be of great value for family and local historians.

'GB1900 Project website: <http://www.gb1900.org/>

Further information: <http://www.nls.uk/news/press/2016/09/place-names-volunteers>

GB1900.ORG

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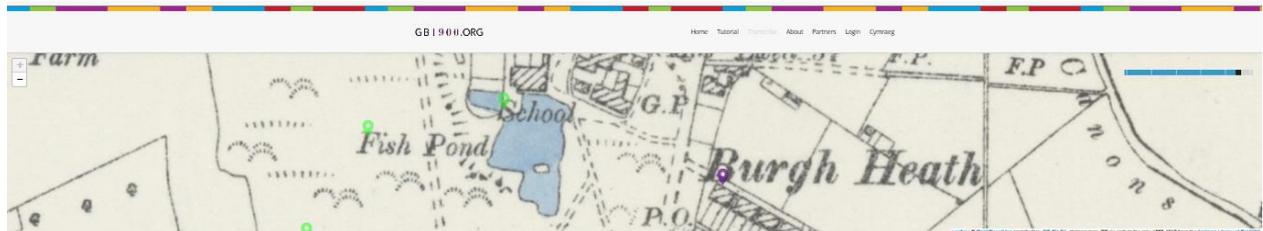
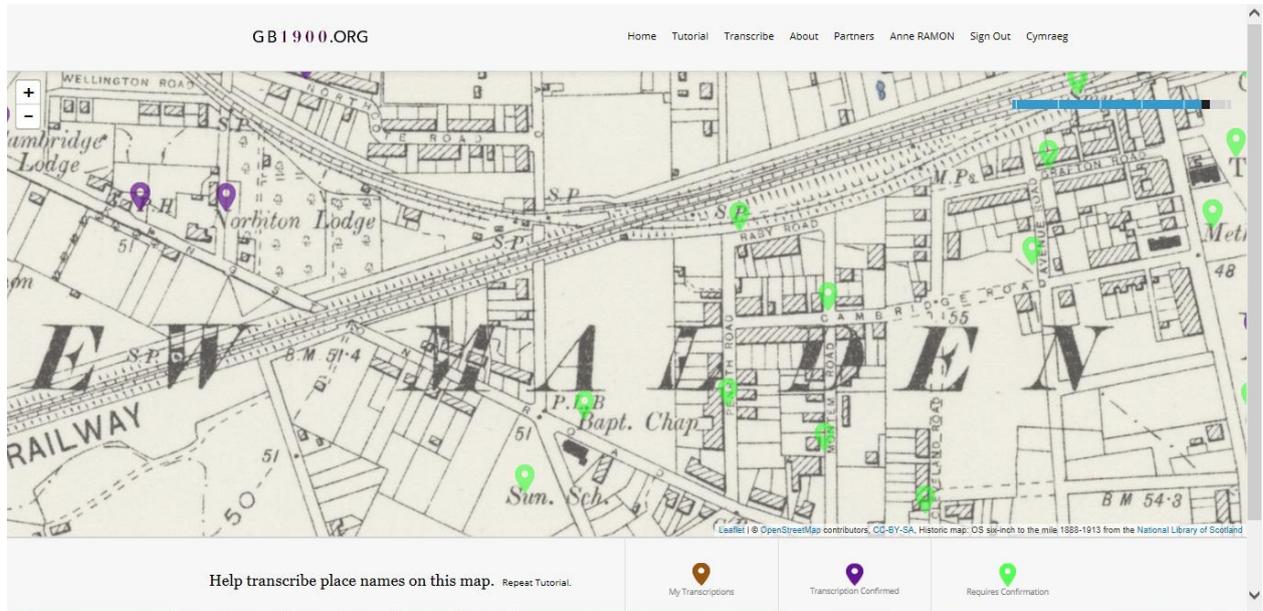
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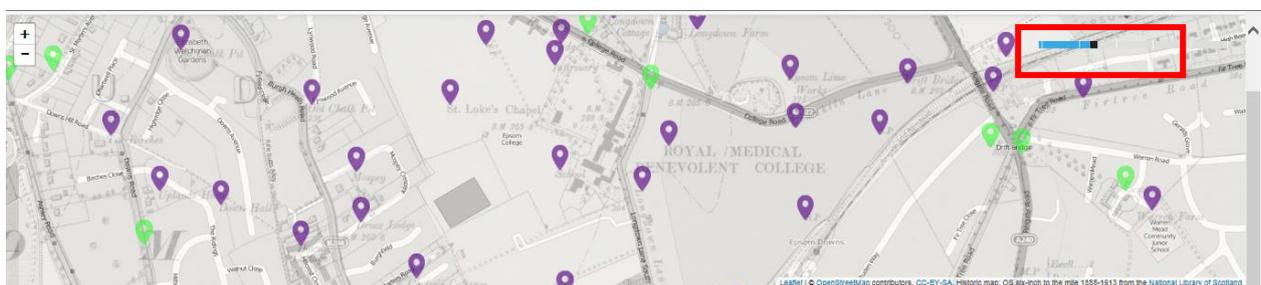
I logged in and transcribed a few local place names but then the screens started to run rather slowly. Maybe a large number of people are logging in or there's a lot of

traffic on the internet or it could be a bit of a challenge for my laptop. Anyway, I'll try again later and/or another day.

The map is zoom-able to a very detailed scale.



Use the sliding scale in the top right of the screen to bring up the modern map detail progressively. Fun!



SOURCES – East Surrey Family History Society Journals – Remember these?

This was in your Journal in December 1994

IS IT TRUE?

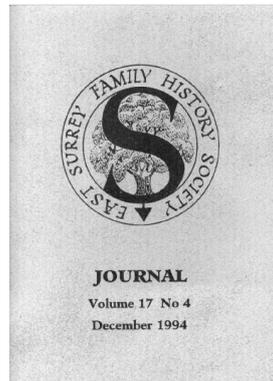
Marion A. Felce

I WONDER how many of our Members have had the unnerving experience which I had recently, when in one session at the Society of Genealogists, one of my lines of investigation jumped back twelve generations? And on the next visit, I discovered a tree for the family which claimed to show thirty-five generations, going back well beyond the Norman Conquest! Little wonder that the letter accompanying the carefully copied tree, executed by a 16 year-old New Zealand boy, who claimed no connection with the family depicted in it, asked 'Is it true?' I have been asking myself the same question ever since. In more than twelve years of slow and somewhat haphazard researching, I have never experienced anything remotely like it, and I still do not know how to regard it.

My mother was a **DUNCAN**, her grandfather being of wholly Scottish stock: from Fife on his father's side, and his mother hailing from Dalketh in Midlothian. They met through the army, and married at Meerut, India in 1854, just three years before the Mutiny broke out on that very station. Great-grandfather campaigned throughout the Mutiny in central India, in the 14th Light Dragoons, and in all served more than seventeen years in India. I have been tracing both lines, with mixed and modest success, as infrequent opportunity occurred to go to Edinburgh, but the problem has eased since the SoG acquired the Index of the Old Parish Registers of Scotland. I now have dozens of entries to be checked, next time I get to New Register House.

From Janet **HISLOP** (born 1838, Dalketh) I have clearly traced back four generations to John Hislop, who married Jean **LINDSAY** in 1735, the marriage proclaimed in both Dalketh and Cockpen. The index shows Jean Lindsay baptised in Cockpen in 1711, the daughter of David Lindsay and Eupham **WILSON**. That was the extent of my information until recently.

Then I discovered that the SoG have some Sasine records, and when looking through these, checking 'my' surname, I found several referring to the Rev David Lindsay, Minister of Cockpen. This pleased me for two reasons: my husband being a clergyman, it was interesting to find one in my ancestry, but also I knew that *Pastor Ecclesiae Scotticanae* gave a short life and genealogical notes on every Church of Scotland minister. Sure enough, a quick look at the first volume told me that David Lindsay (1642-1745) was the second son of another David, of Kirkforthar, Fife, and that he married Eupham Wilson, daughter of George Wilson of Plewlands. It listed their children, including Jean, born 1711. A note at the end gave Eupham as having married John **HYSLOP**, merchant in Dalketh. The reference given for this was 'Edin. Com. Deeds.' (not the parish register,

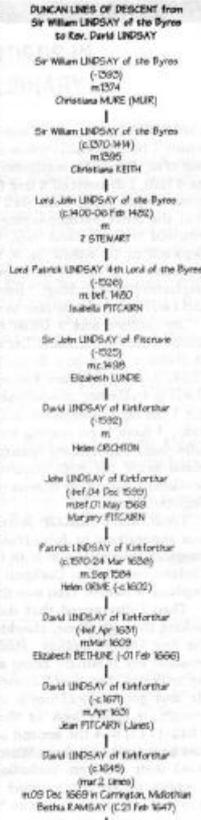


'Is It True?' by Marion A. FELCE

which clearly states Jean). I assume that Jean sometimes used the name Eupham, there being no sign of the baptism of a Eupham. The other references given were: *Tombst., Linday's Lives, II; and Douglas's Bar.*

It did not seem likely that I would get much further until another visit to Edinburgh proved possible, but when browsing in the Society of Genealogists' catalogue I found, to my delight, that the three volume *Lives of the Lindsays* was there on the shelves in the Upper Library. This memoir was written last century by the then Earl of Crawford and Balcarres, the senior branch of the Clan. It was in the Appendix XII of Vol.2 that my bemused gaze fell on the names of six generations of Kirkforthar Lindsays, descended from the younger brother of John, 5th Lord Lindsay of the Byres, while the pedigree of the Byres line furnished another six generations, back to Sir David Lindsay of Crawford, who flourished 1314-1355, through another younger son. Although time precluded a proper study on this occasion, it was evident that Lord Lindsay was claiming origins back to the Normans, and beyond! The one disappointment of the afternoon was that the printed pedigree of the whole Clan, which was promised at the front of Vol.1, had disappeared.

On my next visit I decided to look first at the Document Collection of manuscript pedigrees and notes, and the special collections. It was in the box marked 'Ligon - Lindsell' that I found an envelope containing the sterling efforts of the young New Zealand boy. It did not claim to be complete. Many of the lines had been allowed to lapse, including that of Kirkforthar, to concentrate on the one relevant to its compiler, but there it was, all thirty-five generations of it from Ivar, Jarl (Earl) of the Upplands, Norway, in the 7th or 8th century AD to a latter-day Lindsay in 1941. There are mentions of marriages to



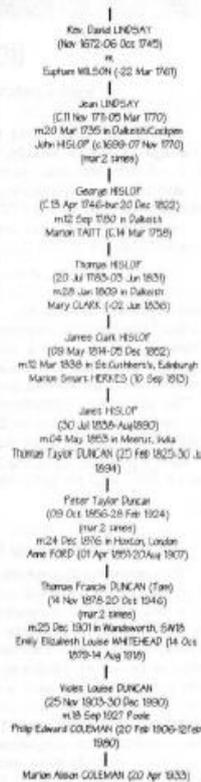
princesses, sisters of Scotland's early kings, and daughters of Earl Marischals and many famous Scottish names. There is distant kinship to be found with Sir David Lindsay of the Mount, Lord Lyon King of Arms and Scotland's premier poet, (until Robbie Burns appeared), and Patrick, 6th Lord of the Byres, who was an ardent Reformer and associate of John Knox. It is handy stuff for someone more used to artisans and ag labrs! So, no wonder I keep asking 'Is it true?'

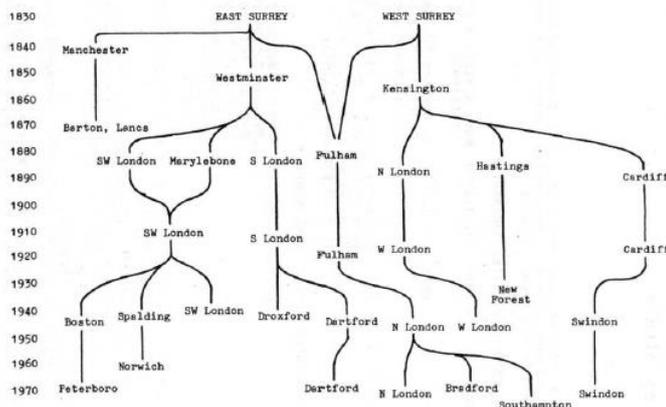
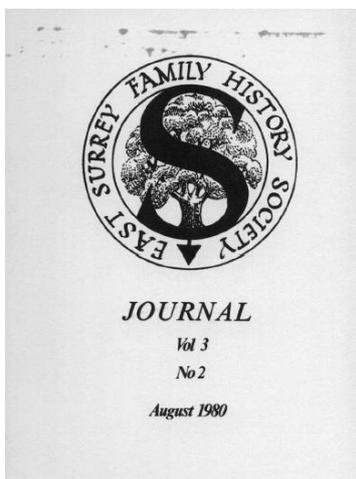
Since the pedigree was copied in 1980, on strips of pink paper, the sticky tape with which the ten sheets were held together has perished, and it is not easy to re-assemble; but it is there. Perhaps, one day, when I have become rather more proficient on my computer, I might feel able to transcribe it.

Another box was found to contain the 'Journals of the Clan Lindsay Society', from 1900-c1939, many of them with pages still un-cut. From these I learned that the very early claims, of kinship with the Conqueror and origins in Norway, are not considered fully substantiated. For myself, I am more than content to go back as far as William de Lindsay of Erclidun (Earlston in Lauderdale) c1152, who appears to have been the son of Walter, who may have come from England.

There remain other books and other boxes to explore. This is one of the main fascinations of genealogy: it never ends. I may find more facts, some I hope about those often ignored people, the wives. I shall enjoy delving in the seemingly unlimited resources of the Society of Genealogists, and of the Scottish Record Office on my next visit. But I shall probably feel on more solid ground when I get back to work on the shoemakers, carpenters, coachmen, ag-labs, and occasionally yeoman farmers, which have been my concern for so long.

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The spread of a surname' by Robert COOK and Kenneth M BURGESS from August 1990

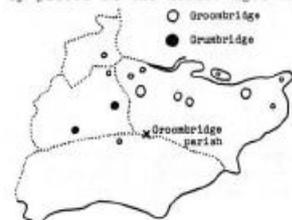
Grumbridge - The Spread of a Surname

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A relatively uncommon name like Grumbridge makes a one-name survey of entries in the indexes at St. Catherine's House of manageable proportions. This can give an idea of the geographical spread of the name over time. Not all surnames, of course, are of local or regional origin. But where this is the case, the early indexes, compiled at the threshold of the railway age, capture for a brief moment the regional distribution as it was at the close of the pre-industrial era.

Grumbridge is such a name, or more strictly a variant of such a name. Its most likely origin is from Groombridge, a parish near Tunbridge Wells in Kent. In fact, when the name Grumbridge is traced back into an age of partial literacy, it is clear that Grumbridge, Groombridge, and Grombridge were used indiscriminately as variants of the same name. But the Grumbridge spelling appears to have become fixed by about 1800 in certain places, while the commoner Groombridge form established itself elsewhere.

In the 1850s these centres of settlement were virtually all to be found within about 40 miles of Groombridge, mostly in Kent or Surrey. It is possible that these all shared a common origin at an early date. But it might be likelier to suppose that they originate from several migrants from Groombridge who moved independently to nearby places in the middle ages and adopted it as a surname.



Tandridge, and Godstone area of East Surrey near the Sussex

The Groombridge spelling was generally favoured in Kent, with settlements at Sevenoaks, Easry, and elsewhere as shown in the map. But the only two centres of settlement of the Grumbridge spelling identified immediately before 1837 were in the Oxted,

border, and at Ewhurst some 18 miles to the West. These appear to be quite unrelated, at least as far back as 1700, although they too may share a common origin earlier.

The chart at the end of this article attempts to summarise the main localities of Grumbridge births, marriages and deaths over about five generations from 1837 to the present. The first feature of note is the way in which these Grumbridges, yeomen and rural craftsmen and their wives, departed from their earlier settlements in Surrey during the Victorian age. By 1860 they were completely gone from their places of origin earlier in the century. Secondly, apart from a short survived excursion to Manchester, and another to Bristol (not shown in the chart as it did not even survive a generation), it is clear in which direction the drift of migration lay. Central London exerted a magnetic pull. There the sons and nephews of village wheelwrights and grocers became turners, engineers, instrument makers, drapers and shopkeepers. And there they tended to stay, apart from a certain movement out to the nearer London suburbs by the end of the nineteenth century, although there were a few movements further afield.

In the present century a notable feature has been the degree of movement arising during the two world wars. That occurring in 1914-18 does not show up in the chart because it seems mostly to have been temporary and of short duration. But some movement in 1939-45 was permanent. Since then the amount of migration has continued to increase, so that Grumbridges are now relatively widely spread, at least compared with their origins.

What can one conclude from all this? The records cast no light on emigration from the country, although some of those leaving wills certainly died overseas. But leaving aside emigration, and extrapolation from the number of births and deaths since 1837 suggests a total Grumbridge population of about 50 at the start of civil registration, rising to about 80 to-day. A relatively small increase in numbers, but proportionately a wide geographical movement. One certainly could not generalise from this to other names and other places. But it could be said of this surname that its movement reflects the general scale of the infrastructure of the economy at the time - local in origin, but becoming regional, and then national (not fully national, being still largely confined to the midlands and south east, yet at the same time partly international to the extent that it has strayed overseas), following the growth points in the economy which most closely affected it.

SOURCE

Surrey Heritage's Exploring Surreys Past website

<http://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/themes/times/>

This site has information about Surrey in different periods and identifies buildings of the period. It also lists museums where you can find out about the period chosen.

I clicked on 'Times' in the Menu bar and then chose the '18th century'

The screenshot shows the website interface. On the left, the 'Times' section is active, displaying a list of historical periods from Palaeolithic to 20th Century. The main content area shows the '2. Eighteenth century' page, which includes a learning zone, advanced search options, and information about the London Influence and the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. A photograph of Bechworth Castle is featured, along with a caption: 'Bechworth Castle - ruins of a medieval fortified manor and 18th century house made into a romantic ruin. Surrey Photographic Record and Survey no. 2194.'

There is also an excellent, zoomable map on the site which pinpoints the buildings.

<http://www.exploringsurreypast.org.uk/map/>

The screenshot shows a zoomable map of Epsom, Surrey. The map is overlaid with various colored lines and markers. A pop-up window titled 'Old Wells, Epsom' is visible, providing information about the wells. The text in the pop-up reads: '2 Features: Old Wells, Epsom "Old Wells" - Epsom spa wells, 17th-19th Century. Maudslayi and Gray (1809) states, "In 1818 medicinal properties were discovered in water, obtained from a well at the south end of Epsom Common. In 1821 the owner enclosed the well with a wall, built a shed." EPSOM WELLS, Well Way, Epsom The well head consists of a square rustic pedestal of flint with cement angles. History: This is the original well that gave Epsom its fame. The waters are said to

Website Update

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

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.

News

Ancestry.com has just launched a local blog for customers in Ireland and the UK. The Ancestry UK blog will be publishing all the same DNA and Ancestry updates that previously were published only on the company's global blog, while also focusing on specific news relevant to the UK and Irish communities. You can read more at: <https://goo.gl/6FLKPe>.

Tickets for **Who Do You Think You are? Live** at the NEC 6-8 April 2017 have gone on sale. East Surrey FHS will be there!! See the WDYTUA website: <http://www.whodoyouthinkyouarelive.com/ticket-information?>

Website updates

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

- London, Stock Exchange Membership Applications, 1802-1924
- London, TS Exmouth Training Ship Records, 1876-1918
- London, Gamekeepers' Licences, 1727-1839
- Jersey Parish Records
- Belgium Civil Registration
- Victoria, Australia, Wills and Probate Records, 1841-2009
- Royal Female Orphanage, Beddington - List of children, 1890-1913 (updated)

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

- Dorset Memorial Inscriptions
- Chiswick Monumental Inscriptions
- Leicestershire electoral registers, marriage licences, parish registers and wills
- Rutland parish registers
- Warwickshire Burials
- Yorkshire & Derbyshire Methodist Baptisms and Marriages
- Ireland, Society Of Friends (Quaker) Congregational Records
- Victoria Petty Sessions Registers
- Queensland Custom House Shipping 1852-1885 passengers and crew

- And a major new source, now building, called the '**Catholic Heritage Archive**'.



Findmypast says:

'The Roman Catholic Church is the largest Christian denomination in the world. Despite the popular perception that it has few adherents in Britain, or was not that important in American settlement, it was always a significant component (up to 25%) of the population. It also has some of the oldest and best preserved genealogical records ever created, which have been maintained over centuries. But they have not been easy to use, until now.'

'The Catholic Church has long protected the privacy of its records. Their registers memorialize sacraments like baptism and marriage which are important religious events in a person's life. As a consequence every Priest in every Parish has a canonical duty to preserve these registers and keep them safe. To make matters more difficult, the registers are generally written in Latin, so even when you can get to see them they are difficult to understand.

'Findmypast has launched a ground breaking initiative to digitise the historic records of the Catholic Church. Last year we published the Irish records, and this year we commence publishing all the historic sacramental registers for England, Scotland and the USA. It's a big task, make no mistake! There are over 30 million records just for the Archdioceses of Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore, our first three US Dioceses. There even more for all of Britain.

'These records have mostly not been accessible before online or even off-line. We have developed a close collaboration with the Catholic Church that will see the creation of a [Catholic Heritage Archive](#) online. These records will be exclusively available on Findmypast. In many cases we will be publishing the images for free, allowing all users (not just subscribers) to look at the registers. They are exceptionally rich resources that are essential for family historians.

'The sorts of records you are likely to find include: Baptisms; Congregational records, such as Confirmation; Marriages; Deaths & Burials; Census and more.

'We are commencing this project with the Registers for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in the USA and the Archdioceses of Birmingham and Westminster in England. The Philadelphia records start back in 1757, while those for Westminster and Birmingham in 1657.'

Don't forget....

'Between 1754 and 1837, it was a legal requirement to be married in the Church of England. Search parish registers from the Church of England if you are unable to find your ancestors here. Our parish registers are organised by county. Use the A-Z and search for your county to find what registers are available.' And,

'Use the name variant search in order to search for the Latin version of your ancestor's name. For example, searching for Catherine with the name variant option will also return records for Catherina.'

Here is a sample search for the baptism of Eliza O'Connor in Westminster:

The screenshot shows the Findmypast search interface for 'England Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms'. The search criteria are as follows:

- WHO:** First name(s) 'Eliza', Last name 'O'Connor'. The 'Name variants' checkbox is checked.
- WHEN:** Baptism year 'YYYY', Birth year 'YYYY'. Both have '+/- 2yrs' dropdown menus.
- PARISH:** 'Horseferry Road, Westminster' (selected from a dropdown).
- DIocese:** 'Start typing a Diocese' (input field).
- COUNTY:** 'Start typing a County' (input field).
- FATHER'S FIRST NAME(S):** Empty input field.
- MOTHER'S FIRST NAME(S):** Empty input field.

At the bottom, there is a search button labeled 'Search England Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms' and a 'Clear search' link.

Family tree Search 1939 Register My records Blog Help

Results for England Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms

A-Z of record sets

Your search criteria
 ✖ O'Connor
 Last name
 ✖ Horseferry Road, Westminster
 Parish
 Edit search

35 result(s) Order by Relevance

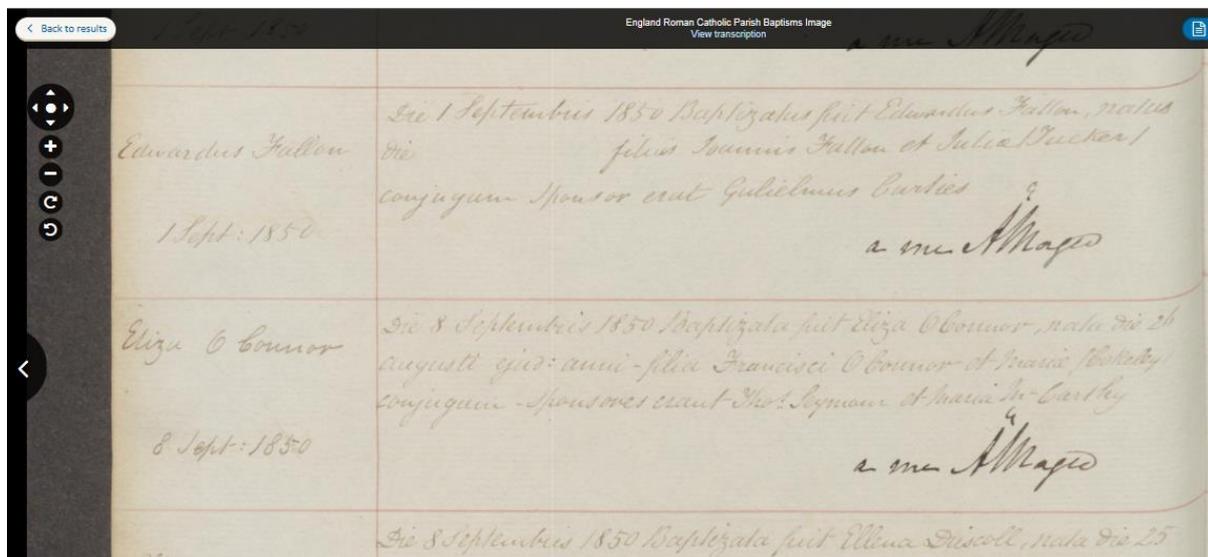
First name(s)	Last name	Birth year	Baptism year	Parish	County	Father's first name(s)
Anna Rosalia	O'Connor	1837	1867	Horseferry Road, Westminster	Middlesex	Danielis
Arthurius Agustus Fredericus	O'Connor	—	1819	Horseferry Road, Westminster	Middlesex	Michaelis
Brigitta	O'Connor	1838	1838	Horseferry Road, Westminster	Middlesex	Timothei
Cornelius	O'Connor	1850	1850	Horseferry Road, Westminster	Middlesex	Corneli
Eliza	O'Connor	1850	1850	Horseferry Road, Westminster	Middlesex	Francisci
Elizabetha	O'Connor	1837	1837	Horseferry Road, Westminster	Middlesex	Joannis

You can select Eliza's record as a Transcript and/or an Image.

England Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms Transcription

Learn more

First name(s)	Eliza
Last name	O'Connor
Birth year	1850
Birth date	26 Aug 1850
Baptism year	1850
Baptism date	08 Sep 1850
Church	St Mary
Parish	Horseferry Road, Westminster
Diocese	Westminster
Deanery	Westminster
Ecclesiastical province	Westminster
County	Middlesex
Father's first name(s)	Francisci
Father's last name	O'Connor
Mother's first name(s)	Maria
Mother's last name	Cokeley
Archive	Westminster Archdiocesan Archives
Document type	Baptisms & Marriages
Records year range	1837-1856
Page	247
Record set	England Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms
Category	Birth, Marriage, Death & Parish Records
Subcategory	Births & baptisms
Collections from	Great Britain



NOTE: the record is written in Latin. Findmypast provides an explanation about the records and translations for the Latin words commonly found. (See Baptisms example below.)

Learn more about these records

> What can these records tell me?

With every result, you will find an image of the original transcript from the diocese archive and a transcript of the pertinent details about your ancestor. The amount of information you find in each record can vary depending on the age of the record, its legibility, and the amount of information recorded by the parish priest at the time of the event. Within most transcripts, you will find the following facts:

- Name
- Birth year
- Birth date
- Baptism year
- Baptism date
- Church
- Parish
- Deanery
- Diocese
- County
- Father's name
- Mother's name
- Archive
- Archive reference
- Document type
- Page
- Records year range

Useful links and resources

[England Roman Catholic parish marriages](#)

[England Roman Catholic parish congregational records](#)

[England Roman Catholic parish registers browse](#)

[Westminster Roman Catholic census 1893](#)

[England Roman Catholic baptisms parish list](#)

Images may provide additional information about your ancestor such as the names of your ancestor's godparents, the minister who performed the baptism, and residence. Some registers will even include notes about the individual's marriage.

Earlier church records were written freehand in register books, but in later years, they were recorded formally in printed registers. Until the 1960s, Latin was the official language of the Catholic Church. Therefore, until that time, many official church records were recorded in Latin. Even the names of individuals were Latinized.

Common Latin words or phrases found on England Roman Catholic baptism records

- *Baptizandi* - baptized
- *Cognomen* - surname
- *Die* - day
- *Domicilium* - residence
- *Filia or Filius* - daughter or son
- *Matrina fuit* - godmother was
- *Mensis* - month
- *Natus* - birth
- *Patrinus fuit* - godfather was
- *Sponsoribus* - sponsors

The Genealogist (£) <https://www.thegenealogist.com> says:

- We have added **over 282,000 individuals** to our extensive Parish Record collection. With records from Essex, Cumberland and Norfolk, making it easier to find your ancestors' baptisms, marriages and burials in these fully searchable records covering ancient parishes. Some of the records go back as far as 1672.
- The new release of War Memorial Records mean there are now over 350,000 searchable records. This latest release includes war memorials from London, along with further English counties including Cumbria, Berkshire, Warwickshire and Suffolk. The collection also stretches across the globe to encompass new War Memorials situated in Perth, Australia and the Province of Saskatchewan in Canada. Fully searchable by name, researchers can read transcriptions and see images of the dedications that commemorate soldiers who have fallen in the Boer War, WW1 and various other conflicts.

FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org/> has added:

- Australia, Queensland, Immigration indexes, 1864-1940

Genealogy in Time http://www.genealogyintime.com/records/newest-genealogy-records.html?awt_l=JCffv&awt_m=JPH5chX4Bwk.Vy provides a News service across an international range of family history websites. Subscribe (free) for a regular e-newsletter.



The screenshot shows the homepage of GenealogyInTime Magazine. The header features the magazine's logo (GiT MAGAZINE) and a navigation menu with links for Search, Records, Articles, News, and Resources. The main content area is titled "Newest Genealogy Records" and includes social media sharing options (Facebook Like: 174, Twitter Tweet, Google+ 0, and ShareThis). A text block states: "GenealogyInTime Magazine maintains the most complete list available on the internet of the newest genealogy record sets from around the world. We tell you what you need to know." Below this, a yellow box contains the text: "We also maintain lists of [new records by country](#). Please note many of the free records discussed here can also be conveniently searched using the [Genealogy Search Engine](#)." On the left sidebar, there are three buttons: "7 Reasons to Subscribe to our Free Newsletter", "Genealogy Search Engine", and "Family Tree Search Engine".

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