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One of the images in the *Past on Glass* collection at Sutton Archives – see page 33

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The deadline for the September Journal is 10.00 a.m., 1st August
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39th Annual General Meeting

held at Bourne Hall, Ewell on 23rd April 2016

Paul Blake, President, welcomed members.

Apologies for absence: Valerie Boddy, Joan Buckley, Sheila Gallagher, Brenda Horwill, Brian Hudson, Samantha Marshall, Monica Pooley, Rita Russell, Rosemary Turner and Robert Wadey

Minutes of the 38th AGM held on 25th April 2015 were approved by the meeting and signed.

Matters arising – Regarding the journal and postage costs, the Executive Committee continued to monitor the situation and, where appropriate, encouraged members to take the journal electronically

Chairman's address presented by Anne Ramon.

“Good afternoon – and a big welcome to our Society's 39th AGM. Yes, next year we will be celebrating our 'Big 40' and we'd welcome any suggestions on how we should mark this event.

“Back to this year and what we have achieved, who we have to thank, and what we have planned for the future.

“Our five meeting centres at Southwark, Richmond, Sutton, Croydon and Lingfield have yet again offered full programmes of varied and interesting talks.

“The topics have included 'The Hearth Tax and other 17th century sources', 'The Elephant and Castle', 'My ancestors were Thames Watermen' and also Members' meetings where we've shared research experiences and good ideas.

“Our Southwark group has held a number of visits including to the Institute of Historical Research, The Welsh Congregational Chapel in the Borough and Nunhead Cemetery, and our Research Centre at Lingfield has helped both Members and non-Members with family history enquiries.

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"The transcription and checking work is also proceeding at Lingfield, adding to our Search database which is always popular at events like Fairs and the *Who Do You Think You Are?* Show.

"Our new Society website is bedding in nicely and there are two key developments I'd like to mention.

"With Rob's help we have successfully trialled payment for books and pamphlets by debit/credit card via Paypal, and payments via PayPal are now acceptable on the website. We all need some training and practice but will be able to offer this payment mechanism in future, at events and on-line which we hope will make our items more accessible.

"The other change you need to be aware of is that the website now has a 'Members Only' area. This is where we will lodge information and data for the exclusive use of our Members and we hope this will become an added benefit which will encourage new members to join the Society. The items being moved 'behind the wall' into the Members' Area include our 'Directory of Members' Interests' and the monthly e-Newsletter. We are hoping that, as Members you will value and appreciate this exclusive access as a privilege for paying your subscription and supporting the Society. If you need help accessing the Members Only area please speak to our Webmaster Rob or any Committee member.

"Our Facebook page is alive and well and is gaining more and more 'Likes'. We had 385 'Likes' recently with some posts attracting over 1000 'looks'.

"These people (our 'fans' in Facebook terminology) include East Surrey Members but as it is a public page it can be read by anyone. We are using this to advertise the Society and hopefully attract new members. If you need help with Facebook please speak to Nick McDonald today, or Rob or any of the Committee members.

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“Our Journal has been produced each quarter this year and has carried useful information and interesting articles. Our thanks go to the Journal Editor, Chris Green, and I’d like to thank Peter Moulin for editing the WW1 section in each edition.

“The Society Bookstall has attended a number of local Fairs, but there have been very few distant ones (apart from WDYTIA at the NEC in Birmingham) as we have had to economise. We are proposing to attend next year’s WDYTIA Show at the NEC, again in Birmingham, but will book only two tables instead of our usual three.

“You may have detected a bit of a theme here – economising! Lesley will tell you more about the Society’s finances but unless we can boost our membership our income will only stretch so far.

“So, I’d like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to run this Society and put on all the events.

“The Officers, Committee Members and Group Chairs and Secretaries put in many hours to ensure we have interesting talks and events and we are very grateful to them. I’d like to take this opportunity to thank Liz Moss and Sylvia Dibbs for their stalwart help and support on the Committee over the last five years. They are obliged to stand down now from the Committee although both will continue to help run the Croydon group. I’d also like to mention the hard work put in by our Membership Secretary, our Bookstall Manager, Journal editor, Webmaster, Facebook administrators, our postal sales co-ordinators, our Projects’ and Members Interests Co-ordinators and our Overseas Reps. Together we run a fine Society.

“Sadly we lost a founder member this year - Derek Tooke – who passed away in February, and in May last year we lost Gill Hyder. Gill was also an early member of the Society and had served two terms on the committee, latterly as Treasurer.

“What do we have planned for the coming year?

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"Our Groups have meetings scheduled for months to come and these are listed in the Journal and on the website. We will be attending the Richmond May Fair on 14th May, the Nunhead Cemetery Open Day a week later on 21st May, the Merton Discovery Day another week later on 28th May and the Croydon Heritage Day on 18th June. Later this year we will assist the Surrey Heritage Showcase at Lingfield on 8th October and will attend the Cambridgeshire Family History Fair on 22 October. The WDYTIA Show is 6-8 April 2017. We have agreed to support the Sutton's Living Memory Project on The Borough's War Dead in World War One – more information soon – and we hope to share WW1 family history stories on the brand new WW1 webpages at Surrey History Centre – and more on that soon.

"This report is my last responsibility as your Chairman as I have also completed five years on the Committee, three in the Chair, and I must now step down. This time limit is for the health of the Society and to engender new thinking and ideas. I have very much enjoyed representing our Society and am particularly proud of our achievements in the last couple of years. I will continue to write the e-newsletter – I enjoy writing it – and contributing to our Facebook page and website, and I hope to see you at the meetings and Fairs.

"I regret that no-one has come forward yet to take on the role of Chairman but there is still time today to volunteer! I'd like to thank all the people I've worked with over the last five years to keep the Society alive and well and I wish you all the very best for the future."

The President thanked Anne Ramon for all the hard work and time she had given to the Society, not only in writing the e-newsletter and promoting the Facebook page, but also for the many hours behind the scenes such as transporting books to Fairs.

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Treasurer's report presented by Lesley Barker:

"Good afternoon Mr President, ladies and gentlemen.

"I think you all should have a copy of the financial accounts for 2015 which, I hope you've had a chance to look through. If you have, you will no doubt have noticed that we had a deficit of just over £3,300 in 2015, a reduction of £750 on the deficit the previous year.

"This was achieved as a result of the following:

1. Our overall income was down by around £2000, partly due to reduced membership and bank interest but mainly due to a reduction in income from the bookstall. The biggest event of the year is WDYTIA which last year for the first time was held in Birmingham, instead of London, this meant that we were restricted in the amount of stock we could physically transport up there and the number of attendees seemed to be less.
2. However, although our income was reduced so was our overall expenditure by £2800, caused not only by a reduction in stock purchased for the bookstall but also you will recall that the previous year, in 2014, our spending on advertising was increased with the purchase of new portable display boards and posters and also new polo shirts and fleeces for the committee and volunteers to wear when helping at events.

"The net difference of these resulted in the reduced deficit for 2015, which given the level of our Reserves is not a concern.

Should you now have any questions regarding the financial report I'll answer them as best I can.

Thank you."

Geoff Fairbairn queried the apparent discrepancy of the balance of the General Fund (£58,992 on page 6, as compared to £58,993 on page 5). It was explained that this anomaly was caused by the usual accounting practice of rounding up or down figures.

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Appointment of Examiner

Graham Moore, the present examiner, was recommended to continue.

Proposer: Don Knight; seconded: Hilary Blanford carried

Election of Officers and Members of the Executive Committee

Paul Blake pointed out that the Society would now be without a Chairman and encouraged Members to consider volunteering for the role or joining the Committee. With the Chairman's role now vacant, it was agreed to elect the following en bloc:

Secretary: Judith Mitchell Treasurer: Lesley Barker

Committee members: Rob Cambridge, Brenda Hawkins, Joanna Reynolds

Proposer: Liz Craig; seconded Don Knight carried

Election of new Committee member: Sue Adams

Proposer: Liz Moss; seconded Tony Goring carried

Any other business

Doreen Forey asked how to log onto the Members' Area of the website. Rob Cambridge explained that you click the Members' section. Then your User Name is either your Membership Number or the email address you use to receive the enewsletter. Your Password is your surname with an initial capital; for example, Smith.

Hilary Blanford thanked Rob Cambridge for his work on the new website.

Joanna Reynolds asked that the Branch Chairmen and Secretaries who were attending the AGM to stand up so that Members could put faces to names. The following were thanked by the Members: Brenda Hawkins (Croydon Chairman); Liz Moss (Croydon Secretary); Veronica McConnell (Richmond Secretary); Hilary Blanford (Southwark Secretary); Joanna Reynolds (Sutton Chairman). Peter Heather was also thanked for his help at Lingfield.

The meeting closed at 3.56 p.m.

43 members signed the attendance sheet for the AGM; 133 people (including 58 non-members) signed the attendance sheet for the Open Day.



Group meetings

June

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| 2 | Agricultural unrest and the Swing Riots in Surrey | Dr July Hill | Sutton |
| 13 | Mayhem on the Midland
<i>an Accident, a Suicide, and a Murder: using railway and other records to investigate railway ancestors</i> | Chris & Judy Rouse | Southwark |
| 21 | Unseen archives
<i>A talk in Croydon Heritage Week by the Croydon Borough Archivist based at Croydon Museum</i> | Lindsay Ould | Croydon |
| 22 | Turning your tree into a tale
<i>Writing up your family history</i> | Kathy Chater | Lingfield |

July

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| 9 | The Most Wretched Man in the World
<i>The Lives and Loves of the 5th Viscount Midleton</i> | Michael Page | Richmond |
| 19 | Do You Know Who You Are Yet?
<i>A general talk on why family history appeals to so many.</i> | Celia Heritage | Croydon |
| 27 | Bread, gruel and suet dumplings
<i>Day-to-day life in the workhouse</i> | Ian Waller | Lingfield |

August

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| 4 | Drought, deluges and dust devils
<i>300 years of SE weather</i> | Ian Currie | Sutton |
| 8 | Whatever happened to poor children in Surrey? | Sheila Gallagher | Southwark |

September

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| 1 | Mapping your ancestors | John Hanson | Sutton |
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Group meetings

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| 20 | Bat boat to Red Arrows
<i>100 years of aviation in Kingston upon Thames, from Sopwith to Hawker to British Aerospace to BAE Systems and the closure of the factories in 1992. David is from Kingston Aviation Heritage, which charts the history of aeroplane production and the people who worked in the factories in Kingston and Brooklands</i> | David Hassard | Croydon |
| 28 | Family history in Southwark
<i>in the 18th – 20th centuries</i> | Stephen Humphrey | Lingfield |

October

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| 6 | The Victorian Underworld | Ian Waller | Sutton |
| 18 | My ancestors in the Royal Navy
<i>Following a single family, with many generations in the Royal Navy, most of the more important records are explained. Paul is the ESFHS President and lectures on family history in the UK and abroad</i> | Paul Blake | Croydon |

- Croydon: United Reformed Church (small hall), Addiscombe Grove, Croydon CR0 5LP
3rd Tuesday (except August and December); 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Liz Moss 020 8686 8962 croydon@eastsurreyfh.org.uk
- Lingfield: Lingfield & Dormansland Community Centre, High Street, Lingfield RH7 6AB
4th Wednesday (except August and December); 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Rita Russell 01342 834648 lingfield@eastsurreyfh.org.uk
- Richmond: Vestry House, 21 Paradise Road, Richmond TW9 1SA
2nd Saturday of alternate months; 2.30 p.m.
Secretary: Veronica McConnell 01372 363015 richmond@eastsurreyfh.org.uk
- Southwark: Southwark Local History Library, behind John Harvard Library, 211 Borough High Street, London, SE1 1JA
Second Monday of alternate months; 12 noon (except August when the meeting dates will vary – see the Journal and the Society website). There will be no meeting in December.
Secretary: Hilary Blanford 01346 685219 southwark@eastsurreyfh.org.uk
- Sutton: St Nicholas's Church Hall, Robin Hood Lane, Sutton SM1 2RG
1st Thursday; 8.00 p.m.
Secretary: Gillian Alford 020 8393 7714 sutton@eastsurreyfh.org.uk

Doors usually open 30 minutes before the start of the meeting. Please check the Society website www.esfhs.org.uk for future meetings and last-minute alterations.

Family Tree Maker lives again!

The Editor

You may recall a short article by Brian Hudson in the previous Journal (March 2016, page 16) in which he reported that FTM software would no longer be available for purchase.

I am indebted to Norman Flower [8032], who has drawn my attention to a Canadian company, Software MacKiev. They have updated Family Tree Maker, removed some bugs and added a few new facilities. They have ensured that their program is fully compatible with Windows 10 and it is possible to purchase a fully-functional downloadable upgrade to any version of FTM for C\$39.95 (about £30). There is also an option to receive the program on a CD as well as download it.

I have been using Family Tree Maker for many years but the latest version I had was dated 2006. I purchased the MacKiev upgrade, and it took about ten minutes to upload. After that, though, I was able to import all my FTM data within seconds and now have a fully functional (and greatly enhanced) program. It works very well but for some odd reason calls itself FTM 2014.

For further details see their website at www.mackiev.com/ftm.

Brian Hudson adds . . .

Ancestry also announced that they have made an agreement with RootsMagic (RM) to connect Ancestry with RM software by the end of 2016. That will mean that RM owners will have the same access to Ancestry facilities as FTM. See www.rootsmagic.com/ancestry for more details.



Strays

East Surrey Death Notices in Canadian newspapers, 1980s on

The Society has a collection of newspaper cuttings reporting the deaths of people who were born in East Surrey, but died overseas, mostly in Canada. These have been sorted onto a database and will shortly be scanned for easier viewing.

If you think you might have a family member in this collection, contact the enquiry service.

Goetobed

Sylvia Dibbs

Interesting surnames in the Lambeth Marriage Registers, 1695-1710

The team at Lingfield Research and Advice Centre has recently been working to digitise the Lambeth Marriage index, transcribed in the days before everything was computerised.

The period between 1695 and 1710 contains about 580 couples, interestingly from all over the place and not just from Lambeth and its neighbourhood.

The East Surrey Family History Society transcription contains the full details of first name, surname, the date of marriage, usually the place of abode if outside the parish and the previous marital status of bride and groom. Where the place of abode is not given, a reasonable hypothesis might be that they are from within the parish. A basic listing of the marriages can be found also at www.familysearch.org.

Several names look interesting, starting with **Goetobed**. This marriage took place on 4 March 1708 between Wm. Goetobed and Eliz. **Hull**. Unfortunately no further details were given, but the likelihood is that one at least of them came from Lambeth.

According to the surname database at www.surnamedb.com/Surname there are several variations on the spelling: Gotobed, Gotbed, Godbed, Gotobedde and Gawetobedde. It is apparently a very unusual surname, though plenty of instances of it in England and the United States in recent times come up on Familysearch. There are plenty in Lambeth and its environs, though only the one example in this index.

Familysearch shows the couple had two sons, one within seven months of marriage; Jo. Was baptised on 17 October 1708 and Wm. Was baptised on 3 September 1710, so the first was perhaps a 'shotgun' marriage! Having at least these two sons, there may be descendents carrying the surname, either as Goetobed as in the marriage or Gotobed as in the baptisms. Are there any readers with this name in their ancestry? Let us know!

The name was first recorded in the 13th century. The meaning seems obvious, but nobody can be certain, as no one can know exactly why a name arose, especially a nickname as this one surely is. It probably means what it suggests.

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Beds were something of a luxury item in earlier times, so someone owning one would be noteworthy. He might have been named accordingly. Sometimes the marital headboard was eventually used as a headboard for the couple's grave. Anyone who has read Chaucer's tales will realise that people then (and now) had an obscene and blunt sense of humour and the first known person of that name, John Gotobedde of Barnwell (Cambridge) in 1269 may have had a reputation for using his bed for other more vigorous activities than merely a good night's rest! Other early records of the name are William Gawetobedde of Sussex in 1332 and John Godbed of London in 1760, and of course the one above and others in Lambeth in 1708.

Several other names stood out: perhaps readers may know more about them. Most appear on Familysearch but not on online databases, for example these two interesting ones: Shagler, and Lovezee which came up as frequent in the London area. James Shagler of St Martin in the Fields married Berridge Brown of St Paul, Covent Garden on 13 April 1696, both single. John Lovezee married Elizabeth White, both from 'near the Church' on 23 October 1698. Shagler could be from 'Shackel or Shackley. Perhaps it is an Anglo-Scandinavian by-name meaning son of Scakel as in Robertus son of Scakel. Sc would have been pronounced like our sh.

George Stopforth, a widower of Chatham in Kent, married Martha Llewellyn of St Saviour's Southwark in Surrey. Stopforth may be from the old name of the town Stockport near Manchester. The London area has always attracted people from elsewhere.

John Quackly married May Visitilly, who lived near 'The Lyon in the Wood', in the Bishop's Liberty, on 16 April 1700. Quackly may be from the Old Norse language and mean 'excitable', a very descriptive nickname. The spelling Quickly also came up on Familysearch. William Quicklich appeared in the Assize Rolls in Cambridgeshire in 1260. Visitilly is another name about which nothing showed up on line, though it might be of Italian origin.

On 12 June 1705 Thomas Nethersole of Gillingham in Kent married Margt. Dowell of St Mary's Lambeth. Nethersole means 'from the lower hall', so this is a location surname. 1309 seems to be the earliest record of this name, Edmund Nethersole in the Calendar of Wills in Court of Hustings. It variants

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include Nethersol, Nethersall and Nethersell. The Court of Hustings was one of the oldest courts in the City of London and sat in the Guildhall. It had the same sort of jurisdiction as a County Court. In 1871, a Royal Commission recommended that it be abolished but this was never acted on and it still exists, though now without authority.

Another couple from out of parish married on 8 June 1707: John Beareblock of Little St Bartholomew in London and Elizabeth Turner of St Andrew's Holborn. Beareblock is another name that may be extinct. It is probably an occupation name or perhaps a location name and may derive from 'at the bear block', that is the person by or responsible for the block that tethers the chain of a performing bear, certainly a name that harks back to a very different life in England. It could be from Old English 'bearu' meaning 'grove' or 'bera' meaning 'bear'.

This register shows many couples from out of the parish marrying here. Lambeth was important as an industrial centre, for example glassmaking, pottery and boat building, and it was situated on a key transport link in the River Thames, but this does not explain why people from neighbouring parishes married here. Perhaps a reader can explain why Lambeth had so many couples from out of the area.

Many names have changed over the centuries due to non-standard spellings in the days before printing. People were illiterate and relied on a scribe to write the name, as for example in parish registers or in court. Add to that the many copyings and transcriptions and the origin of names becomes obscured and very complex to trace.

Reaney, P.H and Wilson, R.M., *A Dictionary of English Surnames* 1991 pub Routledge. This has been updated now as the *Oxford Dictionary of Surnames*.



A bit about my family

Yvonne Butcher [10229] {yvonne.butcher@googlemail.com}

My maiden name was **Rigarlsford**. Now that's a name to research! I found 49 different spellings last time I counted, the best one being Daniel and Louisa, on the 1891 census, transcribed as Darnell and London Regarlopel. I married in 1965 and can only find my marriage entry by looking it up under my husband's name. Spelling again. Last year a cousin had a letter addressed to Mr. Argirosford.

There is a will dated 1558 from William **Wiggelsworth**, of the parish of Horsted Keynes.

"I will have at my burial, two masses, desired to be prayed for my soul . . . and that two bushel of wheat be baked into bread for poor people . . . four marks of good lawful money to my son Drue". Another will, dated 1598, is for Drue Rigolsforde, also of Horsted Keynes: he mentions his children. Thomas, Drue, Agnes and Mercy.

I have also found a baptism of a Thomas Rigelsford born 1591 Horsted Keynes and baptised 1592 in Fletching. I cannot prove any direct line at this point, but the name is rare and the Sussex villages are close together. Maybe a connection will come in the future.

I shall start again with Thomas **Rigglesford**. He married Abigail in 1658 (at Horsted Keynes); he was a miller by trade. Their son Thomas, baptised 1659 at Lindfield, married Anne **Granby** in 1693. Their son John, baptised 1699 at Maresfield, married Mary **Older** in 1730. This couple had a large family all born in Maresfield, and I will tell you about John (1731), Thomas (1732), Joseph (1735) and William (1740).

John, a miller, married Elizabeth **Watkins** in 1758, but died aged 30 in the same week as his young daughter Rebecca. Elizabeth, left with a young son, married again in 1763 to Thomas **Durrant**, miller of Merstham. They had eight children together, of whom only two survived to adulthood. Edward Durrant (1773) miller of Merstham, and Thomas Watkins Durrant (1780) miller of Ifield. Thomas Durrant, the father, died in 1817. His will, difficult to read, suggests that he purchased Ifield Mill in West Sussex the same year. This family also had Rake Mill in Witley (Surrey).

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Thomas married Mary **King** in 1762 at Merstham. Jane King, mother of Mary, left a will dated 1765 in which she left Chelsham Mill and Slines Farm to her two married daughters, who were Mary Rigglesford, wife of Thomas, miller, and Jane **Wood**, wife of Thomas Wood, quarry man. Thomas and Mary already had son John when they moved to Chelsham. They stayed long enough to have four more children before moving on to Longford Mill, Dunton Green, Otford about 1774, when their sixth child Rebecca was born. Thomas died in 1800. He had started life as a Rigglesford and ended it, on his headstone, as a Rigarslsford – this is the first evidence of the name. His son John carried on as miller till his death in 1836 and then on the 1841 and 1851 census Richard **Palmer** was miller at Longford. In 1830 Richard Palmer had married Johanna Sophia Rigarslsford, grand-daughter of Thomas (who married Mary King, above). I could find no trace of the family after 1851 but a visit to Otford Heritage centre gave me the name of an Australian gentleman whose name they had kept on file since he had visited in the 1970s. I found him in the Australian White Pages index and a letter found him first go. I was told that Richard Palmer, Johanna and children, had sailed from Gravesend to Australia in 1853. Sons Edwin and Robert set up a milling business in Peterborough (South Australia) and later Edwin's son Clayton Regarslsford Palmer came to Manchester to study mill engineering. He returned home in 1912 with an Honours degree, an English wife and two young children.

Joseph married Ann **Martin** in 1761 at Framfield, and they had a son Joseph, baptised 1765 at Brightling. Joseph (senior) died in 1805 and was buried at Brightling. Son Joseph married Philadelphia **Beeching** at Burwash in 1794. A glover, he died in 1811 and the *Kentish Gazette* of 8 March that year reported that: 'Married 19 February at Maidstone, Mr. Richard **Huntley** of Burwash to Mrs. Ricklesford, widow, also of Burwash. It seems that the bride had a great dislike to widows' weeds as she threw them completely off after an interval of only eight days. (Her former husband Mr. J Ricklesford, glover, had demised on the 10th of the same month.)'

The children did not hang around long after their mother's re-marriage. They moved into the Lambeth area of London and for most of the century suffered great poverty. There is evidence of work houses, prisons and asylums. The men died young and the children were fostered by other people, making it a

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difficult line to trace. Most of today's Ricklesfords and Rickelsfords come from this line.

William married Mary **Martin** at Merstham in 1768, and died in 1801. Merstham lost two millers in that year: William Rigglesford and Edward Durrant (mentioned above). William's son Robert 1781, who was my 3xgt-grandfather, did not follow his father as a miller. He moved into London c1807 and obtained the Freedom of the City. He became a linen draper, a loriner (he sold bits, bridles, spurs, etc.), a straw hat manufacturer, a land and house agent; he did a year in Newgate for receiving, came out and became a Beadle. (I bet he didn't put his Newgate experience on his CV.) He was Beadle for the Lime St Ward till his death in 1834. In his will he is noted as a coal merchant.

There are not many Rigarsfords today. My dad had three sisters and two daughters. A family line in Australia is finished too. In America and Australia it is mostly the Rigg. or Rigelsford spelling. The only place it is doing well is in New Zealand. Thomas (above) had a great grandson, Moses Orme Rigarsford, born 1846. In about 1883 he took his family to New Zealand where his line is still going strong. Regarsford continues in Australia. as a middle Christian name, but with an E.



Members' Interests

Peter Grant (Members' Interests Co-ordinator)

The online list of Members' Interests is now up to date. To all members who responded to my requests for your updates, "Thank you". I would now like to keep the list relevant and up to date. I can only do this with your help. If you find your list of names has changed in any way, please let me know and I will update your list as you require. Please remember you can update your list at any time, all you have to do is tell me. This can be done either by email or by post. For those of you who do not have a computer, most local libraries have computers where you can search the web, for free, to look at the society web page and see the list of names. My contact details are on the inside front cover of the Journal.

More about Postman's Park

Barbara Sanders [6264]

The ESFHS *Journal* of June 2015 (Vol. 38 number 2) featured an article by Brian Hudson on the Watts Memorial to Heroic Self-Sacrifice in Postman's Park, London. Brian listed some of the people whose heroism is recorded there.

Postman's Park is a fascinating little corner of London; if you can't visit it in person, you can see the plaques on the website

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_tablets_on_the_Memorial_to_Heroic_Self_Sacrifice

But this intriguing information leaves unanswered questions . . .

The Watts Memorial records the deaths of some ordinary working-class people who lost their own lives trying to save others: they all took place in the reign of Queen Victoria, and all have a London connection.

Dr John Price has researched the background to the events. He constructs the families of those named, identifies the people saved or lost, the neighbours and friends, and describes the stories behind the inscriptions. The extended family information can mostly be found from the publicly available GRO records and census data. However, Dr Price has drawn extensively on newspaper reports, coroners' inquests, service records, etc. He has also identified several misspellings and inconsistencies, for example "Mrs Yarman" was in fact Mrs Mary Jarman and "James Hewers" was James Hewins. The evidence is shown by comprehensive references.

Each chapter also includes relevant social history of life in Victorian London.

The book is *Heroes of Postman's Park: Heroic Self-Sacrifice in Victorian London*; it was published by The History Press in 2015, ISBN 978 0 750956437.

Although I haven't used it I understand that there is also a free mobile phone app *The Everyday Heroes of Postman's Park* which gives more information about the people commemorated. See the paragraph headed *The Everyday Heroes mobile app* on the website <http://www.postmanspark.org.uk/>.



News from Surrey Heritage

Julian Pooley

Surrey in the Great War

We have reached a significant milestone with the long awaited launch of the website at the heart of our project 'Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers'. This website will tell the story of how the people of Surrey experienced the Great War and how it changed the county for ever. Over the next three years the website will publish thousands of stories about Surrey's people and communities and will immortalise the county's contribution to winning the war. Many family historians will have researched ancestors who fought in the various theatres of conflict or who were conscientious objectors. Some will have researched the names on their local war memorials or rolls of honour and others will have used local newspapers and archives to explore the impact of the war at home. We are encouraging everyone to contribute the results of their research and the incredible personal stories that come to light to this website which can be found at www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk .

Through this ambitious project we will be working with people of all ages and backgrounds across the entire county to create a global, accessible and enduring resource which will tell Surrey's story during the Great War. The project team is travelling the length and breadth of the county to collecting information about the impact of the war on Surrey, hosting research surgeries, roadshows and project showcase days and hosting information stands at external events.

The lasting legacy will be this website, recording the lives and service of all the men and women whose names are on war memorials in Surrey. It will not only be a comprehensive 21st century digital memorial but also a resource to enable people to explore, discover and understand the impact of the war on their local area and community.

New Indexes

I'm also delighted to report that two new free indexes have recently become available online. The first covers the East Surrey Regiment 1st Battalion Part II Orders 1915-1918 SHC ref ESR/2/2/25. These are weekly lists of deaths, hospital cases, postings, promotions, leave, ration allowance, missing, arrivals, departures, appointments, proficiency pay, honours and awards, transfers,

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punishments and courts martial. This huge index can be found on our website www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistorycentre by following the links via 'Help for Researchers', 'Archives and History Research Guides' and 'Tracing Military records'.

The second index covers the Farnham Poor Law Union minute books index 1872-1910 and available by following the same link to 'Archive and History Research Guides' and then to 'Poor Law Records'.

A Recent Broadwood Discovery

The archives of John **Broadwood** and Sons, the famous London piano makers who counted Beethoven and Chopin among their customers, are held at Surrey History Centre. The Broadwood family home from 1799 to 1975 was at Lyne House near Capel, and the archive was rescued from there after the death of Captain Evelyn Broadwood in 1975. The records have recently been used to confirm that the Broadwood upright piano at Leith Hill Place in Surrey (now owned by The National Trust) belonged to Ralph Vaughan Williams, and is probably the instrument on which he tried out the musical ideas for many of his best known works such as 'The Lark Ascending'. The piano was donated to the National Trust by Frances Rhodes (niece of Ursula Vaughan Williams, the composer's widow). Each piano made by Broadwoods has an individual serial number stamped on the frame (in this case no. 97424). The Broadwood archives include number books listing all the serial numbers, giving for each piano the date it was completed (in this instance 5 September 1903) and the date it was sent out to the customer. Information about the customer is recorded for the given dates in the porters' books, which give the sale details and in the customer ledgers, which give the financial details. The records show the piano was hired out from 1903 to 1905, with other instruments, at Alexandra House, Kensington Gore, a hostel for women students at the Royal Colleges of Music, Art and Science adjacent to the Albert Hall. Just over a month after the piano came back to Broadwoods from hire it was sold, on 31 October 1905, to Ralph Vaughan Williams, then living at 13 Cheyne Walk in Chelsea. The porters book entry shows that the case was made of rosewood and that Vaughan Williams paid a secondhand price of £32. It was also noted that the porters had to haul the piano up five flights of stairs!

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Recent Accessions

St Bartholomew, Leigh: 'Leigh Post' parish magazine, 2011-2014

9357add1

Christ Church, Lower Nutfield: additional parish records, including banns of marriage register, 1979-2010, service register, 1997-2007, files relating to Christ Church Centre project, 1995-2006

9567/-

St Mary's, Tatsfield: marriage register, 1990-1998

9312add1

9573 St Peter's church, Walton on the Hill: additional records including service registers, PCC and annual parochial meeting minutes, churchwardens' records, and records of the Greenhill family, rectors of the parish, 1868-2011

9580 St Mary's, Wimbledon: additional parish records comprising parish magazines, 1925-1999

9580/-

Bletchingley Parish Council: burial register, 1951-1987

7185add

Surrey County Sanatorium, Milford: Stethoscope, magazine published by patients, 1939

6857add2

Manor Hospital, Epsom: patient index cards and administrative files 1920s-1960s

8837add1

Cranleigh Village Hospital: records, including: annual reports, 1866-1945; patient register, 1969-1996; League of Friends minutes of meetings and annual general meetings, 1959-1976; video, nd [?1970s]; notes and cuttings on the history of the hospital and on Cranleigh workhouse, 1866-1966

9581/-

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The Beeches Hospital, Wray Lane, Reigate Hill: photograph album, 1916, and digital prints, made 2016, of photographs of embroidered pictures of sailing ships made by the patients, nd [1916 x 1919]

9585/-

Hambledon Almshouses: records including committee and trustees' minutes, property records, accounts and correspondence, 1865-2006

9572/-

British Red Cross Society: records of Guildford, Send, Pirbright and Chobham local units, including minutes, photographs, certificates and registers, including records of cadet groups, 1917-2004

9551add1

Cuthbert John Hopkins, Photographer: glass plate negatives of local people in Epsom and Ewell. 1860s -1930s

4123add1

Sidney Francis, photographer of Woking: negative collection, 1920s-1930s

9524add1

Manor of Epsom: court roll, 1583

9579/-

Wallis family of Effingham and Stopes-Roe family of Hindhead and Mickleham: collected papers, 1920s-1990s

9587/-

Esher Historical Pageant and Fete: album of photographs, 1932

9582/-

1st Battalion East Lancashire Regiment: newspapers produced whilst the battalion was stationed at Inkerman Barracks, Woking, 1909

7307add14

Lt Col St Barbe Russell Sladen (c.1873-1918), 5th and 1st Battalions, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment: papers, chiefly relating to his service in World War I, including diaries, letters and photographs, 1878-1926

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QRWS/30ad59

East Surrey Regiment and Queen's Royal Regiment: additional papers, 1960-2001 ESR/QRWSadd5

Private R J Isaacs, 4th Battalion, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment: copy photographs c.1914-1918

QRWS/30ad60

Major Alfred Frank Tredgold, 2nd Volunteer Battalion, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment: Letters from Gallipoli, 1915-1916; drawings of Gallipoli landscape, 1915-1916; service papers, 1915-1919

QRWS/30ad61

6th Battalion, Surrey Home Guard: boundary maps (1940s) ¶ Rembrandt cinema, Ewell: papers (1980s) ¶ Jack Bentley, local resident: wartime diary (1939-1945)

1940s-1980s

9463add2

Lance Corporal Horace Percival Evans, 2nd Battalion, Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment: papers, 1917-1959

QRWS/30ad62

John Tolley, Cadet, 2nd Cadet Battalion, East Surrey Regiment (1948), and his father Joe Tolley, member of Carters Seeds Home Guard during World War II (formerly soldier in the Royal Garrison Artillery): photographs, c.1940-1948

ESR/25AD46

Forthcoming Events

Friday 1 July 2016

Over the Top. A Football Tournament to commemorate the Centenary of the Battle of the Somme. Twenty Teams, Military and Civil, Male and Female, Adult and Youth.

10.00 -16.00 Free Admission: Surrey Sports Park, Guildford GU2 7AD

Come along to our Surrey in the Great War stand.

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Saturday 2nd July

The Battle of the Somme . Screening of the 1916 film, accompanied by a talk by a film historian, a Q& A session and a screening of a selection of contemporary film clips relating to Surrey in the Great War.

At Surrey History Centre, 130 Goldsworth Road, Woking, GU21 6ND, starting at 1.30pm, free entry with refreshments provided. Estimated end time 5.30pm.

Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents or in person at Surrey History Centre or in any Surrey Library, or phone 01483 518737.

Monday 4 July 2016

Surrey History Trust AGM, followed by a talk by Mary Alexander FSA

‘The Woollen Trade in Surrey to 1700’

Refreshments from 6.30pm, event 7-9pm

Please book online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents or in person at Surrey History Centre or in any Surrey Library, or phone 01483 518737.

Saturday 8 October

Surrey Heritage Showcase in Lingfield

Following the success of the Surrey Heritage Showcase event in Shere last October, Lingfield has been chosen as the venue for this year's event. The Showcase will promote the work of history and heritage organisations in Lingfield. The Showcase provides a fantastic opportunity for members of the public to discover and enjoy the heritage in their local area for free. It is our biggest event of the year and we hope to attract a wide audience. Attractions will include:

- Stands and displays from local history societies/organisations
- Identification of archaeological finds
- Advice on the conservation of documents and photographs
- Family history research helpdesk
- Dating photographs to help with family history research
- Family/children arts and crafts activities
- Archaeological digs and real finds

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- 'Ask the expert' sessions

Saturday 15 October 2016

Surrey Local History Committee Autumn Meeting. A day of talks about 'Major Archives of Notable Surrey Families'. Final details to be confirmed, but speakers will include Dr David Taylor on the Lushington family, Dr Eliza Wheaton on the Loseley papers in the 16th and 17th century and my colleagues, Mike Page and Isabel Sullivan on the Bray, Brodrick and Evelyn papers. Please see www.surreycc.gov.uk/heritageevents for further details.

'Woking in the Time of H. G. Wells'

'I am doing the dearest little serial . . . in which I completely wreck and sack Woking . . .' – Herbert George Wells, in reference to his novel 'War of the Worlds'.

This year marks the 150th year of the birth of H. G. Wells and the 70th anniversary of his death. Author, scientist and humanitarian, Wells was decades ahead of his time and best known for his science fiction novels. To commemorate this great literary figure, Surrey History Centre will be hosting a display entitled 'Woking in the time of H. G. Wells'. Combining the rich resources of Surrey History Centre and The Lightbox, the display will provide a fascinating glimpse of what Woking would have been like in the year 1896, when this renowned writer was one of its inhabitants.

Wells took inspiration for some of his greatest works from the villages and countryside around Woking. His knowledge of the area was gleaned from his many cycling trips throughout the county. At 'Lynton', 143 Maybury Road, he began his work 'War of the Worlds', in which the Martians landed on Horsell Common and destroyed many towns and villages on their path to London. Wells also wrote 'The Time Machine', 'The Invisible Man' and 'The Wheels of Chance' while residing in Woking.

This free display will be at Surrey History Centre 1 September to 1 October 2016 during normal opening times and will be of interest to Wells fans of all ages.



Tech Topic – Document scanning

Brian Hudson [7324]

Small portable scanners have long been available; some with the ability to OCR (i.e. Optical Character Read) documents, but smart phones and Ipads etc have built in cameras which make scanning even more portable, although they will not yet replace a dedicated scanner. There are applications available for most devices: my personal choice is Scanner Pro 7 for iOS. An internet search shows that the majority of apps are for Apple devices and include barcode scanners, which are probably useful for shopping but not for genealogy as far as I know. If you are hoping to use a scanner in a library or archive, do check with them first as there may well be restrictions; I wouldn't want you to be thrown out! If you would like to pass on your experience of using a scanner app then send an email to brianhudson@esfhs.org.uk.

Tech topic extra

Google Chrome browser support ends for Windows XP and Vista

Google have ended Chrome's support for XP and Vista since they are no longer actively supported by Microsoft. The Chrome browser will no longer receive updates and security fixes relating to these Windows versions.

What are the alternatives? Internet Explorer 8 is deemed no longer safe since support has ended. Firefox is still supported, as is the lesser known Lunascape browser, for which an English (British) version is available for download, find it by searching for 'lunascape localized' (the 'z' is important).



Unwanted certificates

Could one of these be yours?

Goodyear – Robert son of Robert and Hannah Goodyear (formerly Bough) baptised at Hanley Castle, Great Malvern, Worcs on 9th March 1846. Father Robert was a Labourer

Goodyear – Thomas Alfred son of Robert and Anne Goodyear (formerly Angel) baptised of 4 Potter's Court, Wandsworth on 29th November 1871. Robert was a Shoemaker

Hill – Caroline – death 26th November 1925 at 29 Gartmoor Gardens, Wandsworth – age 73 years -widow of Richard Taylor Hill a railway goods checker. Son E R Hill present at death

Hill – Caroline death 12th January 1911 at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London City – age 59 years – spinster cook (domestic service) of 50 Portland Place, Marylebone.

For more information please contact Ann Turnor, Membership Secretary.

Buckinghamshire FHS Open Day

Saturday 23rd July 2016, 10am to 4pm

The Grange School, Wendover Way, Aylesbury, HP21 7NH

Research facilities including our names database (over five million entries), Parish Register, People, and Places libraries. Parish Register transcripts and other research aids will be on sale. Expert advice; guest societies from around the country; local heritage groups; suppliers of data CDs, maps, software, archival materials and much more.

Admission is free, with free parking at the venue.

Further information, including a full list of organisations attending, can be found at www.bucksfhs.org.uk

Researching Relatives who served in WW1

Peter Moulin [6101]

In this issue we take a look at the landmark Battle of The Somme, which for many signifies the futility of war and the concept of 'Lions Led by Donkeys'. I do not deny the disaster of that first day of the battle, on 1 July 1916, when nearly 20,000 British soldiers lost their lives, but the weeks afterwards showed that the army was learning new ways, and the later stages of the battle saw the first use of tanks. Both of our articles deal with soldiers who fought in the Battle of The Somme. One survived, but the other went missing and his body was not identified, so his name is one of the 72,247 on the Thiépval Memorial.

Our second article is the first of a series about the Hinton brothers of Croydon by Darleen Wolfe. She mentions being unable to discover George's actual date of joining his battalion in France. This can sometimes be done but it is very much the luck of the draw. With Thomas Warner I found no information of exactly when he arrived.

The Medal Rolls Index cards can provide this information. These are available from three different sources, each with a greater or lesser utility. I find the least useful are the Findmypast Medal Index Card Transcriptions, because all you see is name, rank, number and regiment. You do get a link to The National Archives, but have to pay £3.45 for the image. If your ancestor was female, the only source of records is TNA. Before these records were disposed of the front face was copied by TNA. All of the male soldiers' cards were preserved by the Western Front Association, and these are the cards where both sides have been copied in full colour and are now on Ancestry. As long as the person you are researching was male, these are the most useful. They will show whether the person served in more than one regiment, which ranks were held and possibly where and when they first served overseas. This is especially true for service in 1914 and 1915 as this determined which medals they received. In some cases the reverse of the card holds details of next of kin and addresses.

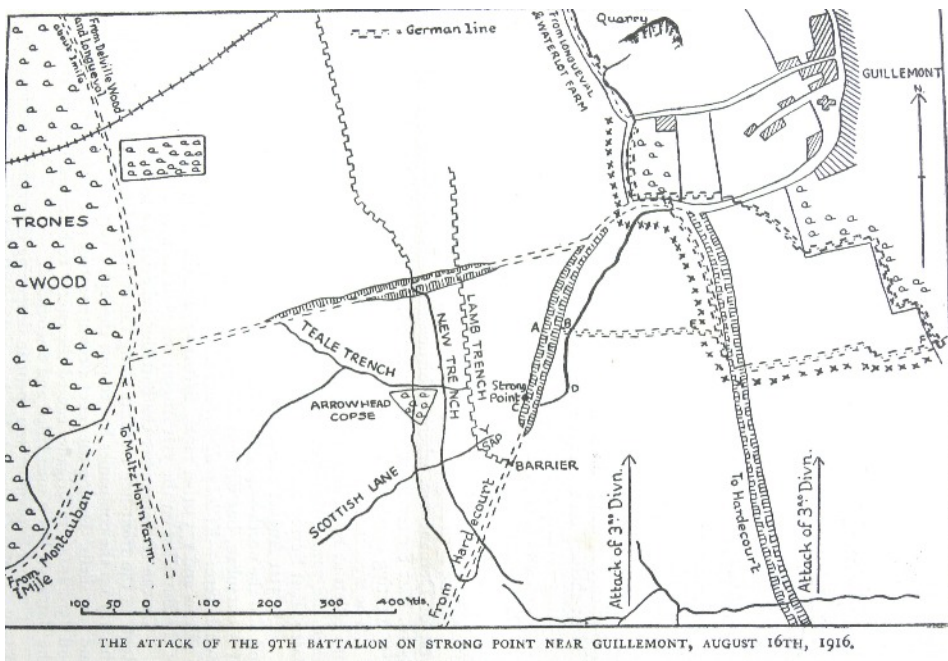
Thomas Henry Warner

Thomas was an only child, born on 6 January 1896 in Wimbledon. His parents were Thomas Frederick and Annie Elizabeth **Warner** and they lived in Haydons Road, Wimbledon. Thomas (senior) was a bricklayer. Thomas (junior) was educated at Haydons Road Elementary School until 1908 after which he took up a place at Rutlish, funded for three years by a grant from Wimbledon

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Borough Council. He left Rutlish on 21 July 1911 and was employed as a junior clerk in the Accounts Office of the London Brighton and South Coast Railway at London Bridge.

By the time he enlisted, on 16 November 1915, Thomas Warner was 19 years 10 months old, 5ft 7ins tall and weighed 135 lbs. He was posted to 9th Battalion East Surrey Regiment in January 1916, and went to France in June of that year.



On 11 August 1916, officers and NCOs of 9th Battalion East Surrey Regiment visited the trenches near Guillemont that were going to be taken over by the Battalion prior to an attack by C and D Companies on a strong point (see map). The attack was to be made in three waves, each of about 80 men. The first and second waves formed up in Lamb Trench and the third wave in New Trench. C and D Companies came up to the trenches on the morning of 16 August and, after their dinners, took up their assigned positions.

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At 1710 the artillery started a heavy bombardment of the enemy position, and this continued for half an hour. Some of this fire fell short, causing casualties in Lamb Trench. At 1740 the creeping barrage started and the attack began with East Surreys leaving their trenches at 1742 advancing in perfect lines. The creeping barrage did not prevent the enemy from firing over the parapet, and the East Surreys came under rifle fire from the front and machine gun fire from both flanks. Two officers and a few men succeeded in getting into the enemy's trench and were, no doubt, killed at once. Almost everyone else was killed or wounded in the advance, the few who escaped being some men of the third wave who were ordered to retire into Lamb Trench. Of the nine officers who took part in the attack, six were killed and one was wounded. Of the 240 NCOs and men 31 were killed and 116 wounded, with 29 missing. Private Warner was one of those missing, later presumed killed. The photograph shown appeared in the *Daily Mirror* on 6 October 1916, listing him as missing. His body was not identified and he is commemorated on the Thiépval Memorial, Pier 6 face B.



Pte. T. H. Warner.
Write to Mrs. Warner
at 78, Haydens-road,
Wimbledon, London,
S.W.

The Hinton Brothers of Croydon – WW1

Darleen Wolfe [3256]

Peter Moulin's request for articles on family members who served in WW1 in the East Surrey Family History Society's March 2015 Journal prompted me to research my mother's family and what impact WW1 had on them.

The **Hinton** family lived for many years in Portslade by Sea, Sussex before returning to the Croydon area. On 2 April 1911, when the census was taken, the Hinton family were living at 42 Union Street Old Town, Croydon. The family included Thomas and Mary Ann Hinton along with their children William, George, Florence, Richard (aka Herbert), Fred, Alfred and Ernest.

4 August 1914 was to change the lives of almost every family in the United Kingdom, including the Hinton family. With the onslaught of WW1, the family offered up four brothers, William, George, Herbert and Frederick.

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Due to circumstances and age, the war had already raged nearly two years before the Hinton brothers joined. The Military Service Act of 27 January 1916 was the first time Britain initiated conscription, calling up all men between ages 19 and 41. Public Proclamations were put up in communities and were 'deemed to be sufficient notice', although individuals also received notice of when they might expect call-up subject to their Class allocation.

George Edward Hinton (born under the surname **Howarth** on 24 December 1892), age 23, was the first brother to enlist at Croydon on Monday, 29 February 1916. Certainly, after the initiation of the Military Act, personal choice was limited. Perhaps it was the posting of an advertisement in the *Surrey Mirror* on 25 February 1916, 'Men Now Willing to Enlist are Urged to Join The Queen's (Royal West Surrey) Regiment', or Alfred Leete's recruitment poster for Kitchener's Army, 'BRITONS ...wants YOU' that encouraged George to enlist. As to the delay in signing up, a few possibilities include: (1) exemption to Market Gardeners (George's occupation in 1911) due to 'national importance' (as outlined in the *Surrey Mirror* of 8 February 1916, p.4), (2) possible marriage in 1912 (married men were exempt under the original Military Act of 1916 but amended after June 1916) or (3) he may have been an unlucky recipient of a White Feather. He may have gone to the Recruitment Centre with Albert **Dullaway** who also joined the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment on the same day and was given the regimental no. G/8015, one digit before George. The Dullaway family is connected to George via his brother, William's, marriage to Harriett Dullaway.

George Hinton's Attestation is indexed under the Surrey Recruitment Registers 1908-1933, reference 2496/6 which states that recruits were volunteers given recruitment numbers between 3157-3692. George is assigned to the Royal West Surrey Regiment. Further research of two possibilities for a George Hinton serving with the Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, has established that George Hinton, regimental no. L/7263, could not be my George as his Medal Rolls Index Card has an entry with the year 1914 showing he was killed. The second option I feel is my George Hinton and is registered with regimental no. G/8016. The prefix 'G' indicates the individual is serving in a Kitchener (or Service) Battalion.

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Pte. George Hinton of Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment, G/8016, served in Units 2nd Royal West Surrey and 7th Royal West Surrey. I followed up with Peter Moulin concerning these Units and Peter felt 2RWS was likely a home-based training part of the 2nd Battalion and George Hinton embarked overseas as one of the reinforcement groups to serve in the 7th Service Battalion. Peter's article in the ESFHS's March 2015 Journal, 'Researching Relatives who served in WW1 (iii)', helps untangle the organization of the military structure, as does 'The British Order of Battle 1914-1918'.

As I have not discovered George Hinton's actual date of joining the 7th Battalion in France, the War Diaries offer some insight of what he likely was part of. Assuming basic training took some months, it would have put him in France around the time of the Battle of the Somme (1 July – 13 November 1916). The War Diaries show recruitment of O.R. men to 7th Service Battalion arrived 1 May, 3 June, 18 and 20 July, 4, 10, 12, 30 August, 2, 3, 4, 8, 12 September. George Hinton would likely have been in one of those drafts. Further drafts of O.R. men to the Battalion are mentioned after these dates.

The War Diaries outline the Battalion's movements, interaction with the enemy, mention of personnel, weather conditions, duties, training, etc. The entry for 26 September 1916 mentions 'Battalion held in a state of readiness during the assault of Thiepval by 53rd and 54th Brigades.' George was probably part of the force by this time and may have fought alongside his now close companions. Ironically, another member of my family, David George Parfitt, also fought in this Battle, was killed and never found. At the time, the Hinton and Parfitt families were unknown to one another. The two lines would merge a generation later with a marriage of George's niece and David's nephew. My English Mom became a War Bride to my Canadian Father in WW2 (see West Surrey Family History Society Journal Root and Branch Vol 40 No. 1 June 2013 page 23).

George Hinton survived the War and is shown with his parents at 6 Ross Road, Wallington, Surrey on the 1921 Electoral Register. George and wife, Martha Jane (née **Hamilton**) lived near his family in the Carshalton / Sutton area for most of his life, retiring to the area of his childhood in the south coast, to Worthing, West Sussex, where he died in 1981.



News from Sutton Local Studies Centre

Kath Shawcross (Borough Archivist & Local Studies Manager)

Our major news this quarter is that, through our partnership with Ancestry, over 4.5 million names from Sutton Archives have been loaded onto their website. These include:

- Parish registers from 1538
- Rate books from 1783 to 1914
- Electoral registers from 1931 to 1970, and
- The list of girls at the Royal Female Orphanage, Beddington from 1890 to 1913.

By the time you read this more rate books (water rates this time) will have been added to the rate book collection.

The easiest way to find us on Ancestry is to go to the Card Catalogue and type *Sutton Surrey* into the Keyword box.

For those of you who frequent the Local Studies & Archives Centre you will have noticed the absence of Sue Giddings, the Archives and Local Studies Assistant. Sadly Sue left us in mid-March: however, she is working with a former member of staff (Bev Shew) to produce a new booklet about the Royal Female Orphanage. So you will still see Sue about, but as a researcher this time, and we wish her good luck with the new venture.

Sue is being replaced with Peter and Janice, two library assistants who are learning their way around the collection and doing very well. It's not easy following on from someone who spent 11 ½ years immersing herself in the collection, so please be patient!



L G Clarke 18 MAR 1915

News from Sutton Local Studies and Archives Centre

The *Past on Glass* continues apace and we were fortunate that Abby Matthews, the Project Officer, was able to give Society members a talk about the collection and project at the recent Open Day and AGM. To date we've scanned over 4300 Edwardian glass plates. Our volunteers are busy rehousing the rest and I'm taking stock of those that need actual conservation. Our volunteers are turning to investigating more plates too; to date just 200 have been researched. For anyone interested in being a 'remote volunteer' please contact me. This works well for some volunteers: it helps to have access to Ancestry in particular, but also FMP, either at home or at your local library or record office.

Please follow our Past on Glass blog – www.pastonglass.wordpress.com

Those plates scanned so far can be seen on our Flickr collection –

www.flickr.com/photos/pastonglass Use the search facility to locate your family members.



Miss Barber 13 JAN 1917

Something our research has shown us is that the majority of soldiers that Knights-Whittome photographed in Epsom were from the University and Public Schools Battalions (Royal Fusiliers) and so the vast majority didn't actually come from the Surrey area. Most of them went on to other Regiments, so if you had ancestors in WW1 who were in the UPS it's worth looking at the soldiers' album which holds over 700 images alone.

Finally, I would like to remind all members that Whitehall Museum in Cheam has closed now for the next 16 months or so. It is undergoing a major refurbishment and reinterpretation of its exhibitions. When it reopens it will be 80% accessible.



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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 December 2015

	note	2015	2014
		£	£
INCOME			
Subscriptions	2	11198	11508
Gift aid tax rebate		1808	1994
Bookstall & publications	3	1933	3094
Donations & searches		1112	1309
Pay per view		63	59
Journal sales & advertising			
Bank interest		483	688
		16596	18652
EXPENDITURE			
Bookstall & publications	3	898	1571
Journal costs	4	8378	8286
Meetings & events		6315	6321
Abortive conference costs		-	622
Projects		-	8
Research centre		1200	1200
Website, cd-rom & software		296	262
General running costs:			
Secretarial, stationery, room hire	726		871
Equipment repairs and renewals	-		405
Advertising	181		1291
Federation Training & Seminars	44		-
Insurance	5	238	228
		1189	2795
Affiliation fees, royalties	5	552	553
Independent examiner's fee		450	450
Depreciation		570	636
Donation		100	50
		19,948	22,753
Deficit of income over expenditure		-3,352	-4,101
General fund brought forward		62,344	66,445
General fund carried forward		58,993	62,344

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Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2015

	Note	2015 £	2014 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	6	1,133	1,223
Current assets			
Publication stock	7	1,510	1,936
Debtors	8	1,080	245
Bank and cash	9	55,719	59,462
		58,309	61,643
Creditors due within one year	10	450	522
Net current assets		57,859	61,121
Net assets		58,992	62,344
Unrestricted funds			
General fund:			
Balance brought forward		62,344	66,445
Excess of income over expenditure for the year		- 3,352	- 4,101
Balance carried forward		58,992	62,344

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2	Subscriptions	2015	2014
	£	£	
	United Kingdom	10,546	10,850
	Overseas	652	659
		11,198	11,508
3	Bookstall publications		
	Sales and on-line publications	1933	3,094
	Vouchers	-	-
	Less: Purchases and costs	473	1,338
	Stock movement O/S	426	233
		1,034	1,523
4	Journal costs		
	Printing	5,182	4,809
	Packing & mailing	3,196	3,477
		8,378	8,286
	less:sales and advertising income	-	-
		8,378	8,286
5	Affiliation fees and insurance		
	Insurance	238	228
	Subscription	552	553
		789	781
6	Tangible fixed assets		
	Equipment, fixtures & fittings	2015	2014
	Cost	£	£
	At 1/01/14	19,687	18,876
	Additions	480	811
	Disposals		
	At 31/12/14	20,167	19,687
	Depreciation		
	At 1/01/14	18,464	17,828
	Eliminated on disposal	-	-
	Charge for the year	570	636
	At 31/12/14	19,034	18,464

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	Net book value at 31/12/14	1,133	1,223
	Net book value at 31/12/13	1,223	1,048
7	Publication stock		
	Books, cd-roms, publications	1,510	1,358
	Vouchers		578
		1,510	1,936
8	Debtors		
	Prepayments	1,080	245
		1,080	245
9	Bank and cash		
	Bank current account	6,586	10,812
	Cash floats	355	355
	Bank deposit accounts	48,778	48,295
		55,719	59,462
10	Creditors:due within one year		
	Accruals	450	522
		450	522

The figures shown on these four pages are not a complete representation of the accounts. A complete set of accounts may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed C4 envelope to the Society Treasurer, whose contact details appear inside the front cover.

Website round up

Brian Hudson [7324]

www.genealogyintime.com This is an online magazine; it claims to be one of the largest independent and free websites according to Alexa, an internet traffic tracking company. A visit to the site is recommended since there is too much to describe, but it does include the top 100 Genealogy websites, specialist search engines and news. In view of the changes that Ancestry have been making, see the article at www.genealogyintime.com/genealogy-news.html and scroll down to September 2015.

www.spansoft.org My thanks to a member who reminded me of two British products by Spansoft: one a family history program called Kith & Kin, which first appeared in 1993, and the other a family tree charting program called TreeDraw, first published in 1994. I reviewed them in the March 2003 Journal but after all this time it is now worth mentioning them again.

Kith & Kin Pro is the latest version of the Kith & Kin program. Rather than describing it here it is best to see the Spansoft website for full details of what it does.

If you are not satisfied with the standard tree diagrams in your own program then draw your own layout with TreeDraw; it can use a gedcom file from your own family history program as well as working with Kith & Kin. All the graphical design elements can be changed to achieve the look you require, including formatting the chart horizontally or vertically. If you like the style of hand produced trees, such as those produced before the advent of computers, then this is for you. Equally valuable is the fact that the tree you have produced can be exported in different formats for other people to view.



Members' Interests

Please ensure your interests are up-to-date; see the note from Peter in this issue's centre insert.

Can you help?

North Lodge, Bletchingley

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These words are all that appear on the birth certificate of my father, Carroll Parker **Nicholson** (24/9/1908 – 18/12/1987). He himself was never able to identify the place. Nor could he understand why his parents (Colin Nicholson, 1866-1954, and Winifred, born Firminger, 1880-1955), were living in an area with which neither had any connection. By the 1911 census they had separated and were living elsewhere.

I have identified the house as North Lodge, Warwick Wold Road, Bletchingley, RH1 3DQ. It was probably built between 1898 and 1908 as the North Lodge of Pendell Court, now The Hawthorns School. I have written to the present owner, without success.

Can anyone offer suggestions as to where I should look for documents that might throw light on the house in the period around 1908?

Rogers

Ken Rogers [10445] 16 Sadlers Close, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire CW4 7EG

I am looking for the birth or baptism of Percival **Rogers**. In 1718 he married Ann **Heslop** in Lanchester, Durham but I can find no record of either a birth or baptism for Percival.

I have found a Percival Rogers in Southwark, who was an apprentice feltmaker to his father (also Percival Rogers) in 1708; but I cannot find him after that date. Did he leave London to start a new life in the north? Are these two Percivals the same person?

Any help would be appreciated.

Stuart

Eric Bush {eric.bush@virginmedia.com}

I am trying to trace relatives or descendants of Archibald Anderson **Stuart**, who I believe worked for a building company of James **Hollidge** in the 1880-

Can you help?

1920 period. Archibald died in 1925; the informant was Florence Margaret **Pearce**, shown as Cousin. She was the daughter of James Hollidge.

Archibald had a daughter Harriet and son Robert, although I have been unable to trace either.

I should like to know if any research has been done either into the Hollidge family or into that of A A Stuart.

Any information would be gratefully received.

Have you come up against a

Brick Wall?

Send your request for help to the Editor for publication in the next issue.

Members' Interests

Peter Grant (Members' Interests Co-ordinator)

The online list of Members' Interests is now up to date. To all members who responded to my requests for your updates, "Thank you". I would now like to keep the list relevant and up to date. I can only do this with your help. If you find your list of names has changed in any way, please let me know and I will update your list as you require. Please remember you can update your list at any time, all you have to do is tell me. This can be done either by email or by post. For those of you who do not have a computer, most local libraries have computers where you can search the web, for free, to look at the society web page and see the list of names. My contact details are on the inside front cover of the Journal.

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MACKLIN	Winchester	HAM	16-19c	10460
MEDCALF	Warton	LAN	E1790	6082
MYERS	All	DBY	All	7558
MYERS	All	HRT	All	7558
NORRIS	All	LDN	E19c	6082
PAGE	All	LON	19c	10460
ROBINSON	Sutton	CAM	18-19c	10460
ROGERS	All	LON	1690-1772	10445
SCHOLES	Bury	LAN	L18c	6082
SEXTON	All	NFK	All	7558
SEYMOUR	Barkisland	WRY	19c	10436
SEYMOUR	Oambridge	CAM	1850-1930	10436
SLINGER	Over Kellet	LAN	E1790	6082
SLINGER	Warton	LAN	E1790	6082
SLINGER	Kirkby Lonsdale	WES	19c	6082
SLINGER	Whittington	WES	19c	6082
STAMPER	Plumpton	CUL	E1830	6082
STAMPER	Carlisle	CUL	E1856	6082
STAMPER	Millom	CUL	1870-1900	6082
STAMPER	Coniston	LAN	1870-1895	6082
ZEIDLER	All	LDN	1875-1900	6082

Surname interests in other countries

BALDY	All	ALL	SCT	All	7558
MANUEL	All	ALL	IND	M19c	6082
NORRIS	All	ALL	IND	1843-1945	6082
SEVILLE	All	ALL	IND	pre1860	6082
SMITH	All	ALL	IND	C1860	6082
WOOD	All	ALL	IND	All	6082
ZEIDLER	All	ALL	DEU	pre1875	6082

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Surname interests in Surrey

BATCOCK	Redhill	M19c	6082
BEST	Kingston upon Thames	1860-1920	10436
BISSMIRE	Lambeth	19c	10433
BISSMIRE	Camberwell	19c	10433
BONNER	Dunsfold	18c	6479
BROWN	Kingston	19c	10460
COOPER	Lambeth	All	7558
DARLING	Kingston upon Thames	19c	10436
DODD	Merstham	L18c	6082
DRAPER	Southwark	1850+	10435
DURAND	Camberwell	18-19c	9928
ENGLISH	Nutfield	18c	10432
ENGLISH	Bletchingley	19c	10432
FIGG	Ockley	18-19c	6479
FURLONGER	Thursley	1800-1900	10436
FURLONGER	Haslemere	1750-1800	10436
FURLONGER	Farnham	19c	10436
FURLONGER	Guildford	1800-2000	10436
GOWER	Frimley	19c	10436
GOWER	Dorking	19c	10436
HANDLEY	Lambeth	19-20c	10433
HANDLEY	Camberwell	19-20c	10433
HANSON	Southwark	19c	10433
HANSON	Lambeth	19c	10433
HANSON	Newington	19c	10433
HEDGER	Haslemere	19c	10436
HERBERT	Southwark	E19c	10435
HICKS	Kingston upon Thames	1850-2000	10436
HIPWELL	Southwark	19c	10435
HOLDEN	Wonersh	18-19c	6479
HOLDEN	Smithwood Common	19-20c	6479
HOLLANDS	Bletchingley	19c	10432

New members and members' interests

HOLLANDS	Oxted	18c	10432
HOLT	Abinger	18-19c	6479
HUMPHREY	Cranleigh	19c	6479
KENT	Reigate	18-19c	10432
KERRY	Newington	All	7558
KING	Redhill	M19c	6082
KNIGHT	All	19-20c	10458
LAWRENCE	Gatton	17-18c	10432
LODGE	Wonersh	18-19c	6479
LOVEDAY	Kingston	19-20c	10460
NORRIS	Redhill	1820-1870	6082
NORRIS	Reigate	1820-1870	6082
PARSONS	Kingston	19c	10460
ROGERS	Southwark	1690-1720	10445
ROGERS	All	c1728	10445
SAUNDERS	Clapham	18-19c	6479
SEXTON	Newington	All	7558
SEYMOUR	Kingston upon Thames	19c	10436
SUMMERS	Mickleham	16-18c	10460
SUMMERS	Kingston	19-20c	10460
SURREY	Kennington	19c	6479
SURREY	Southwark	18c	6479
SWEATMAN	Compton	19c	6479
TOFT	Shalford	19c	6479
WAKELING	Southwark	19c	6479
WAKELING	Kennington	19c	6479
WHEATLEY	Southwark	19c	6479

Surname interests in other English counties

(Mc)GOWEN	Millom	CUL	19c	6082
ALLEN	St Pancras	MDX	19c	6082
BALDER	All	DBY	All	7558
BEARD	Bisley	GLS	19c	10460

New members and members' interests

BEST	Wetherby	WRY	19c	10436
BEST	Tadcaster	WRY	19c	10436
BOOTH	Radcliffe	LAN	E1834	6082
BOOTH	Bury	LAN	E1834	6082
BRIDGE	Bury	LAN	M19c	6082
CAPSTICK	Keswick	CUL	E1840	6082
CHAPMAN	Millom	CUL	19c	6082
DIXON	Coniston	LAN	E1809	6082
DRAPER	All	NTH	19c	10435
DURAND	All	LON	19c	9928
FEW	Willingham	CAM	16-19c	10460
FORDER	Bristol	SOM	19c	10460
GARDNER	All	LON	17-20c	10460
GLAISTER	Bro(o)mfield	CUL	E1834	6082
GLAISTER	Ulverston	LAN	1880	6082
GODFREY	Westminster	MDX	19c	10460
GRINDROD	Bury	LAN	M19c	6082
HAMER	Higher Booth	LAN	E1812	6082
HAMER	Carlisle	CUL	E1841	6082
HARDY	Norwich	NFK	17-19c	10460
HICKS	All	LON	19-20c	10458
HIPWELL	All	NTH	19c	10435
HOLLOCKS	All	SFK	18-19c	10460
HOLT	Summerseat	LAN	E1807	6082
HOLT	Bury	LAN	E1807	6082
HOWA(O)RTH	Tottington	LAN	E1807	6082
HOWA(O)RTH	Bury	LAN	19c	6082
HOWA(O)RTH	Fleetwood	LAN	1860-1865	6082
HOWA(O)RTH	Millom	CUL	1865-1946	6082
HOWA(O)RTH	Lytham St Annes	LAN	1881	6082
KEARSE	Bourton on the Water	GLS	18c	6479
KERRY	All	NFK	All	7558
KNIGHT	All	LON	19-20c	10458