



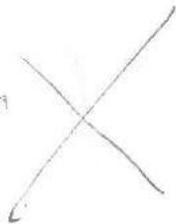
Welcome to the 1 August 2019 emailinfoservice, the NWKFHS fortnightly information service, comprising the latest information about the Society and its events, and other items of interest for family historians.

Today's Photo

A photo of my own as none were sent in. I found this amongst my mother's possessions whilst house clearing after she died. I wondered who it was - clearly someone who was close to my mother at one time for her to have kept it. Fortunately there was some information on the back:

follow at back left Jack Holland
gave me away.
His wife Bunny behind last
Bridesmaid acted as my mother.
The little bridesmaid at the
front is their youngest daughter
April - age 8.
Elkie bridesmaid behind me
married the best man beside the
week before us.
Floria the other bridesmaid
married the usher beside her
this summer.

Noire Dame Church
Ontario
Kenora - CANADA
Aug. 16. 1958.



But not the

name of the bride and groom however!

The bride obviously knew my mum so well that it wasn't necessary to supply her own name or that of her husband. The fact that the bride described Jack Holland *gave me away* and Bunny Holland *acted as my mother* told me that the bride's parents could not be there which made it increasingly likely that the bride was from the UK (plus how else would my mum know her?).

Fortunately there proved to be only one place called Kenora in the world so I was able to identify the location as Ontario, Canada (those words are added to the reverse in my handwriting).

Despite the fact that some names were mentioned - Jack HOLLAND, Bunny Holland and April Holland I was not able to discover them online or in any online tree.

I contacted the church as I thought they might be able to tell me the bride and groom's name but they declined due to data protection. However a genealogy contact of mine in Ontario, whom I have become friendly with online, was able to do some digging and supply the names of Betty Maxwell (from Eltham) and Stephen Marshalok from Kenora.

As Kenora had a Family History Society called ASK - Ancestor Seekers of Kenora - I posted the photo there and was pleased to be contacted by Betty and Stephen's daughter. We worked out that our mums had met at work as they were both teachers at the Christopher Marlowe School in New Cross where Betty taught PT (physical training) and my mum domestic science.

Maybe some would think it not worth the time and effort to identify the bride and groom as it was not my family - but it sums up all the things I love about our addictive hobby - research, problem-solving, an old photograph which inspires a story and the fun and social contact with others as we work together to solve a mystery. It is of course also a reminder to write all the names on the reverse of photos!

I (Stella Eames) welcome photos of people or places (specially historical or family history) in the North West Kent area with a story about them as I like to start each newsletter with a photo and story. Please email me at emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk. with your contributions. Any photos must be your own copyright.

If I don't receive any I will have to use my own which may not be as interesting.

The latest branch newsletters and back issues of this e-newsletter can be found HERE You will be taken to a screen where you can then click on the newsletter you want to read.

Click on our other links [Blog](#) [Facebook](#) [Flickr](#)

What's On - A reminder of NWKFHS Events during the next few weeks

(Click [here](#) to see the entire Talks, Workshops and Events programme so you can book your diaries well ahead)

Our meetings are interesting mix of speakers and workshops. The Branch meetings with speakers are held at venues in Bromley, Dartford and Sevenoaks and the workshops are in the Society Library in Joyden's Wood, which we have sole use of on Wednesdays.

Branch meetings are free to NWKFHS members and no booking is required. *Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a contribution towards costs of hall hire and the speaker. Returning visitors are invited to join the Society only £10 a year or £12 total for two members at the same address.*

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/about/our-membership>

The 2-hour workshops are limited to 10 members and are very popular. Even if full, reserve lists are kept and a second workshop on the same topic is arranged if there is demand. Sometimes reserves are invited to join the workshop at short notice. Please note that **booking is essential for workshops** and we invite a donation eg £5 towards the costs of maintaining the library.

Go to the Society website and you can see all the workshops until about March 2020. Just hover your cursor over the event entry for further info. Workshops do fill up quickly and are only open to members. Not joined yet? - don't dine in for £10- join the Society until 31 December for £10 instead.

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/community/events>

To join NWKFHS and come to the library, all our meetings, house groups and workshops please just click [here](#) or email Membership Secretary Mrs Christina Barnett, on membership@nwkfhs.org.uk **Membership is only £10 per year or £12 for two people at the same address. Value of family history news and help you can receive priceless.**

Membership benefits: members get free access to all our meetings with speakers PLUS a quarterly journal packed full of articles and useful information, monthly workshops on topics requested by members and the benefits of our library and research centre, open Wednesdays. The website has a members - only area with back journals and other data.

The Library at 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joyden's Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE is open to members and visitors every Wednesday from 10am to 4pm. Our volunteers can help you with your research and you can use the library computers with free Find My Past and

Ancestry access.

We welcome all new members whether experienced at family history or novices. Our library volunteers can help you get started or possibly overcome a brick wall. Come to the library on a Wednesday between 10am and 4pm, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joyden's Wood, DA5 2EE. You can join the Society at the library.

Saturday August 3 Speaker at Dartford 10.30am
Guest speaker Jerry Dowlen

Author of *Who could have guessed insurance could be as exciting as this?* Local speaker and author Jerry Dowlen will talk about his 45 years working in the Lloyd's and London Insurance Market. Lloyd's Insurance is 300 years old.

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. The venue, Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY, has a large, free car park via the Heath Lane entrance.

Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a donation towards the hall and speaker costs. Returning visitors attending more than one meeting are asked to join the Society (£10 per calendar year).

Dartford Science and Technology College asks: *due to having a pupil with a severe allergic reaction to nuts and aerosols, we have had to ban these two items to ensure the pupil's safety. Please do not bring any products that are aerosol based, or foods which may contain nuts, onto site. I do hope that you all will understand the importance of this request, and we thank you for your understanding.*

Wednesday 14 August 10.30am - 12.30 Computing Group at the Library
Self help with input from library experts.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk
There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

Held at the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE
Park in nearby side roads. Doors open 10am.

Friday 16 August 2pm - 4pm DNA Group at the Library

Meets every third Friday of the month.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk
There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

Held at the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE
Park in nearby side roads. Doors open 10am.

Saturday 17 August Speaker at Bromley 10.30am
Ken Doughty will talk about The Brushmakers Society

This talk will cover the practices of the Brushmakers, the first English trade union, methods of manufacture, the tramp system and England's first trade-based (Brushmakers) family history society.

The lecturer, Ken Doughty, is an enthusiastic amateur genealogist. In the early 1990's he rediscovered the fascinating history of the Brushmakers Society and established the first trade-based family history society. Ken recently gave a talk on this subject at the Society of Genealogists.

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. The venue, Bromley Methodist Church, College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS has a free car park (although this can fill up) and is close to Bromley North Station and is on or near many bus routes.

Visitors are welcome and are invited to make a donation towards the hall and speaker costs. Returning visitors attending more than one meeting are asked to join the Society (£10 per calendar year)

**Wednesday 21 August 10.30am - 12.30 Workshop at the Library
Dating old photographs - Part 1 (Theory) led by Hilary Waters**

This will include a brief overview of the history of photography, especially in the 19th century when photography as we know it developed.

We will look at the format / size / style and general look of the image and what can help you date it.

Before Part 2 (Practical - 30 October) participants will be asked to select a photo from their own collection and, by applying information gained from Part 1, analyse and write down their own conclusions and how they arrived at them.

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk
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Held at the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE
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**Wednesday 28 August 10.30am - 12.30 Writing Group at the Library
Led by Pauline Heathcote**

Booking essential due to space limitations - please contact workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk
There is no charge for workshops but they are only open to Society members. Attendees are invited to make a contribution, suggested £5, towards costs.

Held at the Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley DA5 2EE
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**Saturday September 7 Speaker at Dartford 10.30am
Guest speaker Fred Lemont will talk about Cadbury, Fry and Rowntree; the
Chocolate Quakers**

Members of the Society of Friends (Quakers) created a great many of our best known Manufacturing Companies and Banks. The presentation will look at why such a small section of the population helped transform Britain into an industrial nation, focusing particularly on the creation of the Chocolate Industry.

All three companies were dedicated to the welfare of their workers.

Doors open 9.45am, meeting starts 10.30am. The venue, Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY, has a large, free car park via the Heath Lane entrance.

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Anyone can attend a talk at the locations in Bromley, Dartford and Sevenoaks; but if you are a non member a donation is requested towards the cost of the hall and speaker. £1- £2 suggested. Non members asked to join if attending more than one meeting.

For NWKFHS events further ahead just look at the website, events are listed til March 2020.

NWKFHS Membership is just £10 and lasts til 31 December 2019.

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/community/events>

***Breaking News - price of copy probates and wills reduced to £1.50 from £10
Applies to England and Wales and deaths from 1858 onwards***

An amazing reduction. I bought one in mid July at £10 because I wanted clues about the deceased's descendants to help with my research - I had not been able to trace from other sources whether the deceased had any children (the will mentioned two) - and only a few days later I heard the price had dropped to £1.50.

I am now considering which other ancestors to buy copy wills for in case it adds to my knowledge. At £1.50 I can afford to 'fill my boots' and take chances as to whether it will be worthwhile.

Of course they do have to have had some assets to leave in the first place in order for their will to be proved or Letters of Administration to be granted if intestate.

<https://www.gov.uk/search-will-probate>

<https://www.kent-opc.org/convictspsym.html>

I came across this amazing website by chance. It is a page on the Kent Online Parish Clerks site about Kent convicts in Tasmania (then Van Dieman's Land). Have a look to see if anyone with your surname is listed.

It's not just names - it includes the town they lived in, where they were tried, the ship and year of transportation and sometimes some extra remarks. eg Stephen GISBY, transported for stealing wheat in 1829, was 'killed by aborigines'. For some convicts, family information eg parents' names, wife's name is given; a fascinating list for family historians.

**A Day Conference to be held in Canterbury
Revisiting Sources and Themes in Parish Histories conference**

Saturday 21 September 2019, 9.30–16.30

The Centre for Kent History and Heritage, School of Humanities, Canterbury Christ Church University has asked us to publicise this conference which will provide an opportunity to see a range of parish sources held in the **Canterbury Cathedral archives & library**.

Then attendees at **Old Sessions, CCCU**, can hear talks about a major project on parish records, hear about a Kent case study based on a period that sees the loss of many parish records and the introduction of some new sources, revisit debates about the taking of communion in the early modern period, and celebrate the achievement of Valerie Hitchman on the launch of her Database of Churchwardens' Accounts hosted by the Warwick Network for Parish Research.

To book:

Tickets: £10 for the exhibition; £15 for lectures and plenary panel; CCCU students £10 (exhibition, lectures & plenary panel)

<http://www.canterbury.ac.uk/parish-histories>

Kent Archive and Local History free lunchtime talks Summer / Autumn 2019

See the website for talks and special

events <https://www.kentarchives.org.uk/archive-events/>

mainly held at Kent History and Library Centre, James Whatman Way, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1LQ

PS I am a volunteer creating this e-newsletter in my 'spare time' but, if you do notice any errors, please tell me, so that they are not carried forward to the next emailinfo.

Editor's note: I often get asked to publicise family history fairs, new books on genealogy and small genealogy businesses. I use my discretion in including ones which are local to our area or which I think may interest readers. It does not mean that I or NWKFHS has any personal knowledge, or makes any recommendation, about the event or business.

If there is anything else I should be aware of, to give you maximum benefit from this emailinfoservice, please let me know. I do receive many suggestions and requests for external events to be included, but there is only room for so much and I am conscious that the longer this email is, the less likely it is to be read. Some external events I publish on our Facebook page instead. But I'd welcome your opinions on the length and content and whether there is anything additional you'd like included.

Please mention it to others and encourage them to sign up so that we can keep society members and anyone interested in family history informed of NWKFHS activities.

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