



Above is one of the many photos on our Flickr pages.  
The reverse is inscribed "James Joseph INCH my dearest old hubby"

I could only find the birth of one James J Inch (since 1837) and so he is probably the man below, extract from the GRO website (free to search). His mother's maiden name was MORRIS.

### INCH, JAMES JOSEPH

### MORRIS

*GRO Reference:* 1849 J Quarter in SAINT GEORGE (IN THE EAST) Volume 02 Page 103

So he is most probably James Joseph Inch 1849 – 1910. Married Jane Louisa CROSS 8th October 1878 at The Parish Church, Tottenham, Middlesex. His occupation given as Oil and Tallow Merchant. In 1891 a Commercial Clerk. I found a copy of the Marriage Register on Ancestry. At date of marriage, James was 29 and Jane 21. Father George INCH was a Ship Chandler and father Henry George CROSS was a Licensed Victualler.

If you know anyone researching the name **INCH** they will probably be fascinated to see this inscribed photo.

## Welcome to the 1 February 2022 enews.



The library at Joyden's Wood has re-opened for members to do their research on Wednesdays. At present it is open and staffed by library volunteers from midday to 4pm.

Our Society Librarian, Janet, asks those who want to come to book a time slot to prevent overcrowding. **Janet's phone number is 01322 384836.**

Janet has told me that most people come about midday and stay til 3.30pm or so. At the moment there is plenty of space for everyone who has booked.

There are three PCs for research; or you can use your own device - but if using your own device you need to join Kent Libraries to be able to log in to the library edition of Ancestry, FindmyPast and other resources.

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### **Library Catalogue Update** <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/resources/library-catalogues>

The Microfiche and microfilm catalogue has been updated after the catalogue session on the 21 January 2022.

Our thanks go to David T, Richard, Barry and David C.

There are now 157 pages to the catalogue covering 3,155 items. When you consider the GRO index in two large cabinets covers 48 entries, you will realise how many fiche and films are included in our collection.

Fiche and microfilms may be old hat, but if the online data providers don't have them or you don't have a subscription, this is the place to check.

Members, ring Janet as above to book a Wednesday time-slot (so the library does not become overcrowded).

You can also join the Society at the library.

**Library at: 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Kent DA5 2EE**  
Parking in nearby roads.

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**Society Membership 2022 Renewal was due 1 January and still only £10  
Members should all have renewed by now for 2022.**

**2021 was an unusual year, but we hope you still felt your £10 subs was a bargain and will continue to be so, given our programme of talks and workshops, whether in person or Zoom, and our four quarterly journals.**

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

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

(this enews is free to members and non members alike).

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**Talks** are now either in person at our Dartford and Sevenoaks venues or by *Zoom*. The combined details of *Zoom* and in person talks are in one chronological list below.

The description for each event states clearly whether it is via *Zoom* or an in person talk.

Currently all Workshops remain *Zoom*.

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#### **ZOOM Talks**

**Zoom Talks are free and open to all.** They cannot be pre booked - please just log on via the link in good time.

All times given are UK time.

NWKHS members who missed a talk, perhaps because you are not in our timezone, note that **some** speakers have allowed their talks to be recorded and recorded talks are saved here - <https://nwkfhs.org.uk/resources/all-other/zoom-talk-videos> note this link only works for paid up members logged into the website. Sometimes speakers have given permission for their talks only to be recorded for a specified amount of time, so members please do check the link.

The last two talks - Sue Gibbons on Conserving Your Personal Archive, and Myko Clelland on the 1921 Census, with lots of hints and tips - are now on the website. Sue's slides are also there to download.

If you are not a Society Member you won't be able to access that webpage; but I can email you Sue's slides if you let me know by emailing [enews@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:enews@nwkfhs.org.uk)

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**Saturday 5 February Doors Open 9.45am meeting starts at 10.30am at Dartford Branch.**

**Location: Dartford Science and Technology College, Heath Lane, Dartford Kent DA1 2LY**

**Guest speaker DR Helen Allinson of the William Barrow's Borden Trust will talk about a story of death-bed repentance, corruption and help for the poor; 300 years of Kentish history.**

<https://www.thewilliambarrowscharity.org.uk/about-us> and scroll down to read how William Barrow turned from a 'Rachman' landlord to a philanthropist.

The meeting will be led by Janet Rose.

Free to NWKFHS members; non members are asked to make a donation towards costs of hall hire and speaker.

There is a large, free car park but it is shared with other users and can be busy at times.

No booking, just turn up.

**Please wear a face covering inside the building unless you are exempt.**

**Thursday 10 February Doors Open 7.15pm Meeting starts 8.00pm talk at Sevenoaks Branch.**

**Location: Otford Village Memorial Hall, High Street, Otford TN14 5PQ (adjacent car park is free in the evening).**

**Guest Speaker Russell Bowes will give us a very informative talk entitled "The Capable Mr Brown" about Lancelot 'Capability' Brown the renowned landscape designer.**

From humble beginnings Lancelot Brown, (c1715 - 1783) son of a land agent and a chambermaid, rose to rub shoulders with aristocracy and royalty - because of his great reputation as a hands on landscape gardener.

Lancelot was in such demand he had to turn commissions down. Consequently he became a very rich man yet remained approachable and affable.

Unfortunately he died a very sudden death when he collapsed and died of a heart attack on his daughter's doorstep.

Buried humbly in Fenstanton churchyard near Cambridge; his landscapes are his lasting legacy.

Free to NWKFHS members; non members are asked to make a donation towards costs of hall hire and speaker.

No booking, just turn up.

Free parking in the evenings at the adjacent large car park.

**Please wear a face covering inside the building unless you are exempt.**

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**Zoom Talk Saturday 19 February log in from 10am for a 10.30 start  
Guest Speaker Dr. Penny Walters "Searching for ancestors when adopted"**

People have gaps in their personal history and want to find out about their biological family.

This talk will discuss the practical realities, excitement and pain of researching a "new" family, also looking at information revealed through DNA testing.

Penny will also reflect on her own adoption story.

Zoom host: Pat Gooding

The Zoom link will be published on the website [www.nwkfhs.org.uk](http://www.nwkfhs.org.uk) nearer the date.

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#### **ZOOM Workshops, Special Interest and Discussion groups**

**Zoom Workshops (including Discussion Groups and Writing Groups)** have a maximum number to allow all attendees to participate, and are restricted to paid up North West Kent FHS members only. Workshops last for 2 hours.

If any Society members missed a workshop which they would have liked to attend, or it filled up, see here for videos of some past workshops:

<https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/workshops/past-zoom-workshop-videos>

Please note that booking is essential.

Note the above link will only work for Society members logged into the website.

**February 2 Medieval Records Part 1      David Cufley 7.30pm - 9.30**

**Some online Medieval records and records after 1485**

A look at some online sites with medieval records and information. Followed by the use of Manorial records to overlap the start of parish registers post 1538, a case study of methodology.  
Capacity: 15

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated.

**February 9 Discussion Group      Carolyn Barclay 10.00am-11.45**

The Good, The Bad and the Ugly. Should we forget our troublesome ancestors?

Capacity: 12

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated.

**February 16 Writing Group Leader Pauline Heathcote 10.30am-midday**

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated.

**February 16 Powerpoint presentations      David Cufley 7.30pm-9.30**

How to do a Family History Presentation using Power Point.

A workshop to explain how to use Microsoft's Power Point presentation software, part of the Office suite of programmes.

You can use Power Point to show your family history diagrams and pictures to the family either face to face on your laptop or via zoom, also if you want to talk to other family historians or lead a workshop. This software will give you the tools to explain the research you have done.

You can even animate your slides or add crashes, bangs, whistles or music to create interest!

Capacity: 15

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated.

**February 23 DNA Discussion Group      Laura Lincoln 10.30am-midday**

**March 2 Medieval Records Part 2 – The Manorial Documents Register      David Cufley  
7.30pm - 9.30**

The Manorial Documents Register (MDR) is an index of English and Welsh manorial records, providing brief descriptions of documents and details of their locations in public and private hands.

Manorial records include court rolls, surveys, maps, terriers and all other documents relating to the boundaries, franchises, wastes, customs or courts of a manor. This is a case study using the Hexton, Hertfordshire Manor court records to recreate a family mentioned in the records as tenants and as jurors. The method we have used to recreate a family line from the manor records.

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated.

Capacity 15

Registration/Booking Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk) including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

**9 March Discussion Group: Leader Carolyn Barclay**

**Theme: Bring an Ancestor. 10am - 11.45am**

Members to introduce an ancestor of interest to the group.

Free but a donation via the web shop would be appreciated

Capacity 12

Registration/Booking Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk) including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

**16 March Parish Chest : A workshop on the documents found in the parish archives. David Cufley 7.30pm - 9.30**

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated.

Capacity 15

Registration/Booking Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk) including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

**23 March Breaking Down Brickwalls David Cufley 10.30am - 12.30pm**

Discussion workshop to help researchers get over research hurdles (entries must be submitted by 9th March.) Please provide a name, topic and some background information

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated.

Capacity 12

Registration/Booking Spaces are limited. Please reserve a place with [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk) including the event title and date together with your name and membership number.

**30 March DNA Discussion Group Laura Lincoln 10.30am - 12.30pm**

Free but a donation via the web shop will be appreciated.

Capacity 12

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**Many, many thanks to workshop coordinator Carolyn Sekulowicz-Barclay for arranging our exciting programme of workshops, and to the workshop leaders.**

**Society members please book by emailing Carolyn for the link / code to enable you to attend any of the above Workshops and Discussion Groups.** [workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk)

**Carolyn would like to hear from you if you have topic requests for workshops or want to suggest different dates or times.**

If you participate in a workshop, please consider making a donation to the Society through our eshop

<https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/shop/nwkfhs-shop/services> and scroll down for 'Society Donation'.

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See <https://nwkfhs.org.uk/events/overview/all-upcoming-meetings> for topics and dates / times of Workshops and Talks further ahead.

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Last year MyHeritage launched Color Restoration, an addition to MyHeritage In Color™ that beautifully restores the colors in faded color photos. Now, it has announced the release of a [new and improved version for Color Restoration](#).

To mark the occasion, it's offering FREE and unlimited use of [MyHeritage In Color™](#), [MyHeritage Photo Enhancer](#), and Photo Repair, from January 23 to February 5, 2022.

[Improve your photos](#)

Click any of your existing photos on MyHeritage and then click "Enhance", "Colorize," or "Repair"

[\*\*MyHeritage Free Photo Enhancer \(til 5 February\)\*\*](#)

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**Merchant Navy Sources:**

In September 2021 Penny Allen gave a talk about this at our Dartford venue.

The talk was not recorded, but Penny's handouts are now on the website <https://www.nwkfhs.org.uk/reso.../all-other/zoom-talk-videos>

Note you need to be a logged in member to see and download them.

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**Easyfundraising - a charity donation when you shop online**

[Click here](#) to raise donations for North West Kent Family History Society whenever you shop online. Turn your everyday online shopping into FREE donations at no cost to you..

So far the Society has 40 **easyfundraising** supporters who have raised over £773

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**Have you done a DNA test?**

As it's the time of year when people who got DNA tests for Christmas will be getting their results, you may have more new matches than usual.

MyHeritage and FamilyTreeDNA send me an automated email when I have a new match but Ancestry and GEDmatch don't.

So remember to log in regularly and see if you have new matches.

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## MAJOR J. H. GILL.

News has been received at Ashford that Major J. H. Gill, D.S.O., of the West Riding of Yorkshire Regiment, who was recently reported wounded, was slightly injured in the face by a splinter of a hand grenade on August 31st. He continued to carry on.

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## FROM THE HANDS OF THE HUNS.

Private R. G. Longhurst, of the 8th West Kents, is among the released prisoners of war recently sent home from Switzerland. He is a Maidstone man, formerly employed by Messrs. Beneted & Son. Longhurst had both legs fractured at Loos and lay for a week on the battlefield without food, when he fell into the hands of the Huns.

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The above is from the Society's Flickr collection of photos and documents.

Major J.H.GILL Wounded 31st August 1917. Private R.G. LONGHURST released POW  
Kentish Express and Ashford News October 6, 1917.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/nwkf/albums/with/72157636047627063>

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*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 [enews@nwkfhs.org.uk](mailto:enews@nwkfhs.org.uk), with your contributions. Any photos must be your own copyright.*

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*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.*

Stella Eames, Editor

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