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Loose leaflet Family History Day and Annual General Meeting 2018***

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FROM THE EDITOR

Pauline Heathcote

The 41st Annual General Meeting will be held during the Annual Family History Day on Thursday 11th April 2019 at Cobham Hall. Personally I am looking forward to the morning presentation by Nick Barratt talking about *1216 and all that: the real story of the Magna Carta* and after lunch listening and perhaps joining in with Delia Taylor as she guides us through an entertaining mix of stills and animated film entitled *The Roaring Twenties*.

Members will be interested to read some proposed changes to the constitution and the agenda for the Annual General Meeting. The latter is repeated in the loose insert which puts the booking form for the day right in your hand. Please check your 2019 calendar and post your booking forms and cheque today (see below).

I have sufficient material submitted by our enthusiastic members to fill not only this Journal but also part of the March issue. The restraint on page number is purely postage costs! Please take a few extra minutes to read about the need for more volunteers and to consider if YOU can help in some way.

This issue of the Journal can be downloaded onto your computer, laptop, iPad or mobile telephone. Just go to the NWKFHS website, www.nwkhfs.org.uk and enter the members-only section. If you are not a member use www.nwkhfs.org.uk to join on-line or using the post. You can also become a member at the library and branch meetings.

Thank you to all contributors, to proof readers, and to David Turner, who has adjusted the many images to suit our Journal.

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at all Branch meetings and at the library.
Only £2, thanks to donations towards printing costs.
Buy one for yourself and one for a friend
(posting envelope available).
All profits benefit the Society.
Queries? Contact Tony on chairman@nwkhfs.org.uk***

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Digital images welcomed. Contact the editor for current advertising rates.
The Journal is published in March, June, September and December.

NWKFHS MEETINGS PROGRAMME

Members and visitors are very welcome at all venues. Non-members are welcome to attend and to contribute towards costs. Each branch has a collection tin for donations towards hall hire and speakers' fees.

NWKFHS Bromley Branch Meetings

Doors are open at 9.45am. Meetings start at 10.30am and end by 12.15pm

Meetings are held at **Bromley Methodist Church**,
College Road, Bromley BR1 3NS.

December	No meeting	
19 January	<i>Imperial Chislehurst</i>	Joanna Friel
16 February	<i>Spitalfields through the ages</i>	John Halligan
16 March	<i>Powers behind the throne</i> plus ANNUAL MEETING	Imogen Corrigan

NWKFHS Dartford Branch Meetings

Doors are open at 9.45am. Meetings start at 10.30am and end by 12.30pm

Meetings are held at **Dartford Science and Technology College**,
Heath Lane, Dartford DA1 2LY.

1 December	<i>Don't sneeze at the microphone!</i>	Wilf Lower
5 January	<i>The Secret History of Northfleet</i>	Christoph Bull
2 Feb	<i>The Inns of Court</i>	Ian Bevan
2 March	<i>The Siren Seanations depend on it</i>	Imogen Corrigan

NWKFHS Sevenoaks Branch Meetings

Doors are open at 7.15pm. Meetings start at 8.00pm and end by 9.30pm

Meetings are held at **Sevenoaks Community Centre**,
Otford Road (at junction with Crampton Road), Sevenoaks TN14 5DN.

13 December	<i>The 1930s Golden Age of Hollywood</i>	Delia Taylor
January	No meeting	
14 February	<i>Underground Britain</i> <i>from factories to Military transport</i>	Geoffrey Beer
14 March	<i>Royal protection from a Met Police officer</i> plus ANNUAL MEETING	Richard Griffin

**More information in *The Journal (September 2019)*
and on www.nwkdffhs.org.uk**

FROM THE CHAIR

Tony Codling

Well it is that time of year again so the Society Committee and I would like to extend our seasons' greetings to you all and wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy and Successful New Year.

What a year it has been. The 5th March saw the launch of our **new website** with a **members-only area** (MOA) and **shop** to purchase membership, buy discs or pay for research. In response to several requests we have added a *make a donation* link. I am delighted to say how successful that has been so if you have not signed in yet please give it a go as we are adding useful information to the website on a regular basis. Contact webmaster@nwkfhs.org.uk if you have any difficulties logging-on.

The **Family History Day and AGM** at Farringtons School in Chislehurst was very well attended with interesting talks by Ian Waller and Delia Taylor. This year we commissioned a special 40th Anniversary cake, which was ceremonially cut by three of our longest-serving members.

Also in April we were confronted with the **General Data Protection Regulations** (GDPR) update and formed a sub-committee to advise on the action necessary to put in place the required protection of members' personal data. My thanks to the sub-committee and, in particular, to our President David Cufley for the tremendous effort to ensure that we fully comply with the regulations. As a result we have amended our procedures document, produced a policy statement and trained all the Society officers that deal with members' data. My thanks to all members who returned the GDPR consent form that was sent with the June journal. Regrettably not all members have returned the consent form and it is vital that we have that consent so that we can continue to communicate. Please would all those members that have not done so return the consent form or e-mail me on chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk stating they consent to us contacting them by postal address, e-mail or in, an emergency, by telephone.

As a result of the new website and data protection work it was realised that we need to update the **Society constitution**. The reason for the change is to regularise the constitution with the Society's new web site and its members'-only area (MOA). The old website mentioned a fourth class of membership which was not mentioned in the constitution. We have produced a draft proposal which is being reviewed by the Society committee and then submitted to the Charity Commission for approval. Following acceptance it will be tabled at the AGM (11 April 2019) for membership approval.

July saw the **Society anniversary** being celebrated at the founding branch at Bromley. The meeting celebrated the inaugural meeting of the Society which took place in Bromley in July 1978. David Cufley gave a talk about the changes in family history research and in NWKFHS during the past 40 years. There was a display of old photographs of the Society and to round it off members enjoyed a celebratory cake (see images elsewhere in the Journal).

For the third year running we have had a great response to the photo competition for the **2019 Society calendar** which has been available at branch meetings and the library from early September. Due to the generous donations towards the printing costs by some of our members we can sell the calendar at the considerably reduced price of only £2. A great idea for a Christmas present to friends and family which also promotes the Society and hopefully encourages others to join our happy throng. Please support the Society and buy one or two! For postal sales UK, P&P is an extra £2.95 for second class or £3.45 first class. Overseas postage costs on request. To order by post e-mail: chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk.

As mentioned elsewhere in this journal we still need more volunteers to help us run the Society so if you have some time to spare please make contact with any of the Society officers to see how you can help or contact me on chairman@NWKFHS.org.uk.

If you buy things on the internet please remember to register with <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/nwkfhs>. It won't cost you a penny. All you have to do is register with and go via their website to your normal supplier. If that supplier offers a discount it will go to our account it is as simple as that. At the time of writing 32 members have raised over £133 so please give it a go.

As always please never forget we need new members so tell friends about the Society and invite friends to a branch meeting. Word of mouth is the best way to encourage people to join.

Don't miss out on the latest news, check out our Facebook, Flickr, Blog and Twitter pages and if you haven't already subscribed to the Society's twice monthly e-Newsletter, just e-mail Stella Eames emailinfoservice@nwkfhs.org.uk and ask to be put on the circulation list.

DONATIONS AND GIFT AID

Patricia Gooding, Treasurer

I have been asked by members who pay by standing order how they can also make a donation each year. All you have to do is increase your standing order to include the amount of the donation. Can I also ask those of you who pay UK income tax and don't already gift aid to consider doing so? I can claim a further 25% on any contributions the Society receives that are gift aided.

Contact Pat on treasurer@nwkfhs.org.uk

NWKFHS RESEARCH SERVICE

The Research team draw on the extensive knowledge and expertise of many volunteers plus the considerable resources of the library, to help you to find out more about your ancestors who lived in our area. This low-cost service, open to both members and non-members, is simple to use. More information at www.nwkfhs.org.uk/research-service.htm

Contact Lorraine on research@nwkfhs.org.uk

**Notice is hereby given that
the forty first Annual General Meeting of
North West Kent Family History Society
will be held on Thursday 11 April 2019 at 12 noon
at Cobham Hall, Brewers Road, Cobham, Kent, DA12 3BL**

Agenda

1. Notice convening the Meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting* (also available on our web site <http://www.nwkhfs.org.uk/>). Acceptance by the members.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes of the 2018 AGM
5. Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2018
6. Report of the Committee for 2018 (to be circulated in the March 2019 Journal)
7. Josephine Birchenough's Memorial Awards
 - i. Project
 - ii. Article in the Society Journal
 - iii. Recognise or support significant work that contributes to the Society.
8. Honorary Members
9. President and Vice Presidents
10. Election of Chair
11. Election of Vice Chair
12. Election of Secretary
13. Election of Treasurer
14. Election of other Committee Members
15. Election of Independent Examiner
16. Resolution to Change the Constitution. See proposals overleaf.
17. Any other business

*A copy of the 2018 AGM Minutes may also be obtained by members from the Secretary c/o KCC Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Bexley, Kent DA5 2EE by sending a sae or by e-mail request to secretary@nwkhfs.org.uk.

Visitors are welcome to observe the AGM, but only members may speak or vote.

Nominations to all posts (with the consent of the nominee, and proposed and seconded by members) should be submitted to the Secretary in order to arrive by Saturday 30 March 2019.

*The position of Society Secretary is vacant as at time of going to press.
The trustees are covering aspects of the role until a volunteer comes forward.
**Please contact the Chair Tony Codling now if you would be willing to take
on this important role. Chairman@nwkhfs.org.uk***

Proposed Constitution edition 11 (2019)

Proposed revisions to the Constitution to be considered and voted upon by the members of the Society at the AGM to be held in April 2019.

The reason for these changes are to regularise the constitution with the Society's new web site and its members only area (MOA). The old web site mentioned a fourth class of membership, which was not mentioned in the constitution.

Existing constitution edition 10 (2007)	Proposed constitution edition 11 (2019)	Remarks
3.1 ...shall be three types ...	3.1 ... shall be four types ...	Reflects the additional membership type in 3.1.4
3.1.1.1 Ordinary	3.1.1.1 Individual	Change of name for the standard membership
	New clause 3.1.4 Association or Library membership. Association or Library membership for Organisations and Societies that have similar aims and objectives who are interested in furthering the aspects of Family History in the pursuit of their historical interests. This class of membership does not confer voting rights or access to the member's only area of the Society Web site.	This membership class was mentioned on the old web site. Now the web site has been upgraded with a MOA (Members only area) this clause is needed to explain the rights of membership for Association and Library members.
	New Clause 4.3 The Society Committee shall have the power to appoint honorary members and will record such in their minutes. This appointment will be announced at an AGM. The appointment as honorary member will waive the annual subscription although they will still have the full rights of individual membership.	This membership class was mentioned in the old constitution. This clause is needed to explain the rights of membership for Honorary members

7.4 ... open to all members ...	7.4 open to all Individual, Family or Honorary members of the Society	As Association and Library members have restricted access to meetings. 7.4.1 is need to differentiate the difference to other members.
	New clause 7.4.1 Association or Library members can attend the meetings of the Society by a representative of that organisation. If the representative or other member(s) of that organisation attend more than three meetings in any year they will be expected to join the Society as 'Individual' members.	The rights of access to meetings for Association and Library members.
8.1.1.1 ... meeting.	8.1.1.1 ...meeting except as noted in section 3.1.4.	Refers to the changes in section 3.
8.2.4 ... meeting.	8.2.4 ...meeting except as noted in section 3.1.4.	Refers to the changes in section 3.
8.3.1 ... meeting.	8.3.1 ...meeting except as noted in section 3.1.4.	Refers to the changes in section 3.

Members with comments on the proposed amendments are invited before the meeting to write with their suggestions, the wording for the amendment, with a description and explanation of what the amendment would achieve. It is hoped this will save time on the day but members will be able to discuss and amend the proposals at the AGM.

Please contact the Chair, Tony Codling, with any suggested amendments to Chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk

2019 Calendar competition winners

Congratulations to the winners of the 2019 calendar photographic competition. Tony Codling, Society Chairman, presented each winner with a complimentary copy of the calendar during the autumn.

Pictured on the front cover are *Top row left to right:* Louise Scott, Will Chopping, Maureen Griffiths and Tony Lathey.

Bottom row left to right: Brian Kirk, Norma Holmden, Karina Jackson and Hilary Perring.

Family History Workshops

Booking is essential for all workshops and groups

Victor Nutt

Workshop Programme I am most heartened by the response I have had to this year's programme. The leaders have also expressed their delight at the number of participants and their enthusiasm for the varied subject matter offered. I also offer my thanks to all the leaders who have given their time willingly and freely.

The 2019 programme is almost finalised and includes repeats of several over-subscribed 2018 workshops. There are several new titles and we welcome three new leaders, Pam Goddard, Nigel Durrant and Ellen Shelly.

We are starting another writing group in 2019 under the leadership of Nigel Durrant. Nigel is still one of the original members of our first group and is also a member of a writing group local to his home. Please note that this new writing group will meet on the first **FRIDAY** of January, April, July and October from 2-4pm.

We are starting a computer group which will meet on the first Wednesday of every month at the Society's library. It will be a self-help group with input from various library 'experts'. Please contact Victor for further information.

Mini-workshops for beginners and improvers on the *Family Historian* genealogy and family tree software computer program are available at the Society's library.

Please contact Victor for further information at workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk

All about workshops

- **Regular workshops are held at the Society library at the KCC Library, 80 Summerhouse Drive, Joydens Wood, Bexley, Kent DA5 2EE.**
- **Each workshop lasts for two hours and includes refreshments.**
- **Numbers attending are limited so that the friendly, small-group atmosphere is maintained. As a result you must book. Whenever possible workshops that are over-subscribed are repeated.**
- **You will be invited to make a voluntary donation for each workshop that you attend.**

**Contact Victor with enquiries and bookings:
e-mail workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk,
contact Janet Rose on 01322-384836
or ask Victor Nutt for a form.**

The 2019 workshop programme

Full details of the 2019 Workshop programme are available at www.nwkhfs.org.uk, at each branch meeting and at the library.

2 January 2019 **NEW Computing Group** This is the initial meeting of what may become a regular group to discuss computer problems and **other IT** matters of mutual interest. (What is *The Cloud*?) How often it meets will be discussed at this first meeting but at the moment it is arranged for the first Wednesday in every month. Book to come along and get this exciting group under way. Self-help with input from library *experts*.

4 January 2019 **NEW Friday Writing Group** Leader Nigel Durrant.

16 January 2019 **1939 Register** - The Register can be used as a census substitute; unlike other censuses, it is not a snapshot in time but an evolving document which continued to be updated for some years after WW2. We will examine what it contains and discuss any problems you may have encountered when using it. Leader Christine Hills.

23 January 2019 **Discussion Group** Leader Victor Nutt.

6 February 2019 **Computing Group** Self-help with input from library *experts*.

20 February 2019 **Beginners' Family History** This workshop aims to assist in the early stages of Family History research. It will cover birth, marriage and death certificates, census, parish registers, wills, directories and websites. Leader Fran Rogers.

27 February 2019 **Writing Group** Leader Pauline Heathcote.

6 March 2019 **Computing Group** Self-help with input from library *experts*.

20 March 2019 tba

27 March 2019 **Dating Old Photographs Part 2 (Practical)** (*Please note, this is only open to those who previously attended the part 1 (theory) workshop last August*). Each participant will bring in their chosen photograph and conclusion for group discussion. We will have a general discussion on how we feel about the process and results and encourage everyone to recommend books/websites not mentioned in part 1. Leader Hilary Waters.

3 April 2019 **Computing Group** Self-help with input from library *experts*.

5 April 2019 **Friday Writing Group** Leader Nigel Durrant.

17 April 2019 **Illegitimacy** Illegitimacy is a frequent stumbling block when researching your family tree. We shall look at the possible reasons for it, the surviving records and how such children were treated, touching on the poor law, workhouses, orphans, fostering and adoption. Leader Mari Alderman.

- 24 April 2019 **Discussion Group** Leader Victor Nutt
- 1 May 2019 **Computing Group** with library *experts*
- 15 May 2019 **Marriage, Divorce and Bigamy** Leader Christine Hills
- 22 May 2019 **Writing Group** Leader Pauline Heathcote
- 29 May 2019 **Errors, lies and other misinformation** Leader David Cufley
- 5 June 2019 **Computing Group** with library *experts*
- 19 June 2019 **Treasures to be found in old wills** Leader Ellen Shelly
- 26 June 2019 **Your Society Needs YOU: Transcribing, Checking and Editing of Society Publications** Leader Barbara Phillips
- 3 July 2019 **Computing Group** with library *experts*
- 5 July 2019 **Friday Writing Group** Leader Nigel Durrant
- 17 July 2019 **Living and Working on the Water** Leader Jean Stirk
- 24 July 2019 **Discussion Group** Leader Victor Nutt
- 7 August 2019 **Computing Group** with library *experts*
- 21 August 2019 **Dating Old Photographs Part 1 (Theory)**
Leader Hilary Waters
- 28 August 2019 **Writing Group** Leader Pauline Heathcote
- 4 September 2019 **Computing Group** with library *experts*
- 18 September 2019 **How to Use The Discovery Catalogue on The National Archive Website Effectively** Leader Joyce Hoad
- 25 September 2019 **The History of Education**
Leaders Janet Rose and Sheila Elisak
- 2 October 2019 **Computing Group** with library *experts*
- 4 October 2019 **Friday Writing Group** Leader Nigel Durrant
- 16 October 2019 **Researching Commonwealth Ancestors**
Leader Pam Goddard
- 23 October 2019 **Discussion Group** Leader Victor Nutt
- 20 November 2019 **Fun with Early Records** Leader Jean Stirk

Interested in joining a **DNA discussion group**?

contact Victor on workshop.booking@nwkfhs.org.uk.

Full details of the 2019 Workshop programme are available at www.nwkfhs.org.uk, at each branch meeting and at the library.

Behind the scenes at Family History Conferences – A personal view by Joyce Hoad, Vice President

During the 80s, the heyday of Family History societies, it was considered a great honour to be chosen to host a National Conference in conjunction with the Annual General Meeting or General Meeting of the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) and it might be over two years before a slot was allotted.

There were spring and autumn weekend conferences every year with occasional long conferences from Friday evening to Monday midday. These were held in universities, having both student accommodation and lecture theatres, apart from Cornwall which, having no university, held a conference in a caravan park. Cornwall also had no catering but their Family History members supplied the cold buffet conference meal for the delegates who, having drunk their wine, sang *Trelawny* with great gusto on several occasions. Most conferences were themed, the homemade costumes were spectacular. One year whilst the animated discussion took place in reception my friend Jenny and I took the opportunity to smuggle in a bottle of non-alcoholic fizz under our costumes, but it fell over, and the resulting minor explosion, sent the very highly-costumed people running for cover. We kept very quiet.

Conferences were both an excellent way to visit the counties of England as well as meeting up twice-a-year with family history friends. The varied speakers gave a wealth of information often connected to the county of the host Society which was useful in the days before the internet. On Saturday afternoon there was a FFHS business meeting, open to all, though most delegates chose to go on outings or talks but I decided to attend as unofficial representative for NWKFFHS. The meeting was very casual, often no time for questions, and most attendees never asked for opinions beforehand or reported back to their societies. All changed for the better many years later when David Cufley joined me at the Federation meetings, networking with my friends from other Societies. Later David became our NWKFFHS official rep and meetings became more organised and business-like. Today reps are far better informed and consult their Societies.

In 1987 NWKFFHS was allotted September 1988 to host a FFHS conference and preparations commenced. Jill Valentine was Chair and I became Head of Stewards. We chose Avery Hill College, Eltham, Greenwich, as our venue as we needed a large amount of overnight accommodation and large lecture theatres. One of our first problems was to name the event. As I often went to Oxford for my research I suggested *Dreaming Spires*. The conference eventually became *Villages within the city*. At the end of our first year everything was on course, with speakers, caterers and entertainers chosen or booked when the bombshell was dropped. Avery Hill College was pulling down the lecture theatres. They seemed quite unconcerned saying they would provide tents and microphones on stands but Tony Field, by profession a sound engineer, took them to task and told them we needed more sophisticated sound equipment for it was too late to find another venue. It was supplied! Shirley and Brian Kell worked tirelessly allocating rooms, trying to satisfy the instructions of delegates, ground floor near to A or nowhere near B. The weekend arrived all too soon. The volunteer stewards had followed

my instructions SMILE at all times- even when things are going wrong – then seek help. The few blips were resolved by the team members and went unnoticed by the delegates who went away amused at having lectures in tents! Some sent letters of congratulations to the team. And to our relief it didn't rain.

As the years passed it became more difficult to find host Societies, as most made a loss on the event. It was 1997 that somebody said (who was that person?) NWKFHS would host the Autumn 1999 Conference but the executive committee had no offers to chair the event. Time went by but still no chair so I mentioned I was willing to get it started but as soon as a volunteer came I would step down – did I really think that would happen? So I became Chair and chose the people I knew could make it work. Having attended many family history conferences in the States, (I even lectured in Houston, Texas), I wanted something special for the last conference of the 90s. We agreed to host a Friday evening-Monday midday conference giving plenty of time for many lectures. Soon there was a splendid team- Shirley and Brian Kell (bookings and accommodation), Joan Field (secretary), Tony Field (sound), Lyn and Peter Searle, (finance), Harold Mills (many *hats*), my husband Charley (collating information on computer spread sheets and keeping me sane) and myself as Chair and costing clerk. We met at my house which was convenient for all the Committee. I suggested we had a *new-style conference* by calling it The North West Kent Family History Conference. I was determined that we would not make a loss but show a small profit so using my former skill as a statistical accounts clerk I did it my way despite most people doubting my method would work. It made a larger profit than even I had hoped! We again chose Avery Hill College and a title *Time and Tide* and using skills learned from the earlier conferences everyone did their job to perfection.

Having attended other conferences where there was often not enough time allowed from one venue to another I devised a cunning plan. Joan Field could only walk very slowly, so the committee met at the accommodation and let Joan walk at her



The Organising committee
Villages within the city conference 1988
Back row, left to right Stella Szachnowski, Heather Humphries, Barbara Godfrey, Gillian Valentine (chair), Anne Lovell (accommodation), Joyce Hoad (Head Steward), Shirley Kell, Front row, left to right Nick Hersey (excursions and a lecture chair), Peter Eyers (information packages), Stuart Valentine (Finances), Keith Brunton (bookstall), Tom Manthorpe (booking applications).

pace across the park with us whilst we all chatted, then we allowed 5 minutes longer. A huge problem arose one year into our arrangements when the caterers' contract was not renewed after we had sorted out a splendid menu, and we could not contact the new caterers until the eleventh hour. Their menu was more suited to college students but we had no choice but to accept. I recalled being a delegate at family history conference in Worcester where, after the conference meal with wine flowing, the merry and chatty delegates were ushered to a hall for the entertainment. To our horror we had to be quiet and listen to a group playing Elgar when all people wanted to do was chat to friends they only saw at conferences. I can report that a great many ladies had to powder their nose and the loos were jam-packed, where we tried to keep our laughter down. It was decided that our NWKFHS Conference dinner entertainment must be enjoyed by all - we arranged a folksy sort of barn dance with most delegates both out-of-step and breath, amid roars of laughter from those watching.

During the four days all the stewards, greeters, guides etc worked very hard, and SMILED - they each wore a carnation button-hole when on-duty allowing the delegates to find help at all times. The committee wore a different colour. I received letters afterwards saying *it was the best and most organised conference ever*. A good team is worth its weight in gold. They were good times. Did I enjoy them, yes! I could *name names* involved in many more *incidents* and midnight parties. Sadly Societies no longer wish to organise a Conference, though some will host a one day event where the FFHS can hold their business meetings. Perhaps new family history researchers are not interested. Why travel and pay for a Conference - it is all on the web! They miss all the fun and the networking but I am NOT seeking to host another Conference.

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Monumental inscriptions

Guy Nevill, Chairman 1986-1990 and project co-ordinator 1979-1983, has contributed this image. He wrote

It is a copy of a birthday card from my son. The photo will bring back memories to some of our members and I thought you would appreciate his twisted sense of humour regarding the wording. Some members will know where he gets it from!



The church is St Mary the Virgin, Westerham. From the left Guy Nevill, Margaret Barton, Stella Zachnowski, ?, Rhoda Hall and Terry Blackmore. Can anyone recall the name of the unnamed lady for me?

I probably should have mentioned that both Margaret and Stella died some years ago. However, Rhoda, Terry and I are still around!

Bromley Branch Summer Lunch 2018

Janet Akehurst

On Tuesday 3rd July nineteen members of the Bromley branch gathered together at the Bromley Court Hotel for their Summer Lunch. It was a very hot day and our tables were situated by the window overlooking the wonderful gardens of the hotel. The food was excellent and reasonably priced and the service was first class. No-one tried to rush us out after the meal and we were able to talk amongst ourselves for as long as we wanted.

To parody the song from Carousel,
It was a real nice luncheon and we all had a real good time.

*Apologies for misnaming Janet
in the image on page 489 The Journal September 2018*

Some images from Bromley branch Summer Lunch and 40th anniversary meeting



Bromley branch

Top row Summer lunch (report above)

Centre left Joyce Hoad with the celebration cake, centre Branch anniversary cake,

centre right Caroline Blackett, David Cufley and Isabel Leslie,

Bottom left Helen Daniels and Mavis Braithwaite.

Bottom right Bromley branch summer lunch

Images from Tony Codling (centre row and bottom left) and Janet Akehurst.

Geoffrey Copus (1930-2018) Member 1020

Susan Pittman, Vice President

I could not let Geoffrey's death pass without acknowledging his significant contribution to family and local history. I first met Geoffrey in the early 1980s, and I was immediately impressed by his generosity of spirit, which, among many other qualities, enabled him to make and keep friends with ease. Geoffrey's favoured parish of Chelsfield bordered mine of Crockenhill, and once he knew of my interest he went out of his way to share whatever he found about Crockenhill with me, and we were soon enthusiastically investigating families from both communities - Hills, Whitehead, Manning, to name but a few. The shared discoveries were an excitement, and I will always be grateful for the time he gave to add Crockenhill items while on his own quest to add information about Chelsfield. His many local history colleagues were delighted when he published *Chelsfield Chronicles* in 2003.

Geoffrey married Brenda in 1953 and the couple celebrated their Diamond Wedding anniversary in 2013. Their growing family of six children required resources beyond his career in the P & O Group, so they undertook professional genealogical research as a side-line, and their meticulous research was soon well respected and sought after. Despite his full life, Geoffrey always found time to volunteer. He was involved in research work for the Huguenot Society and the London French Protestant Church between 1994 and 2006. He proof-read for the early publications of NWKFHS, including helping to edit all three editions of *West Kent Sources*, all acknowledging his invaluable help in their prefaces. He also wrote articles for the Journal in the 1990s.

His interest in both family and local history began as a teenager when he went around recording MIs in local churchyards. I was particularly grateful when in 1998 I was recording for NWKFHS the MIs in St Mary Cray to have his records of 1948, because so many of the headstones had deteriorated in the intervening years.

Geoffrey was a fine example of an amateur researcher. He had a prodigious memory, yet he did not rely on that. He noted his sources fully, and kept his records in an orderly, retrievable fashion. He followed up endless leads, and was thrilled when he found new sources. I already miss him greatly.

Society New Bookstall
Some copies of the recently published
Booth notebooks East London Section
available at branch meetings (£12 cash please).
Contact Christine Hills
via publications@nwkfhs.org.uk
See the bookstall at Branch meetings
and some events.

Tracing a Cousin at Trafalgar

George Kirk baptised 1782

Barrie Kirk

This is the second part of a much longer article:
part one was published in The Journal September 2018. Watch out for more...
Editor

In the second half of 1803, George Kirk had been pressed into service on HMS *Tisiphone* guarding the approaches to the River Exe in Devon. Likely as a Landsman he would have been initially allocated to labouring tasks but then he probably would have learned the basics of gunnery as this was the main function of the ship at that time. The Pay Book showed he had been issued with slop clothes by the Navy Board together with a tobacco ration. His colleague George Firth, who was from Wakefield, Yorkshire, appeared in the same pay book, aged 21 and was classified as an Ordinary Seaman and then as an Able Seaman indicating that he had had more seagoing experience. *Tisiphone* spent most of the next two years moored off Exmouth and in April 1805 both Georges had been married to local women in Exeter as previously described.

On 12th July 1805 the Admiralty ordered a large number of the crew including both Georges to HMS *Royal William* which was then on anchor watch at Spithead. George appeared in one muster on the *Royal William* as a *supernumerary requiring victuals* on 20th July and it was recorded that he came from the cutter *Chance*. As *Tisiphone* was still moored off Exmouth it is probable that the *Chance* was being used to transport crewmen who were being transferred between ships. On the 24th July George made an appearance on HMS *Orion* and was allocated a crew number of 204 and again the cutter *Chance* is mentioned and again it was probable that it was operating as inter-ship transport as *Orion* was then docked for victualling in Portsmouth.

Orion was another 3rd rate ship of the line meaning that she had fewer guns than the larger first and second rated ships. She had been built at Deptford in 1787 and had two gun decks with 74 guns and a full complement of 590. By 1805 she had already been involved in a number of famous naval actions including the Glorious First of June, the Battle of St Vincent and the Battle of the Nile. At the Nile she had been severely damaged and suffered 13 crew killed and 29 wounded. By 1802 she had been put into reserve (or *into ordinary* in naval parlance) but with war with France restarting she had been re-commissioned in May 1805. A new Captain, Edward Codrington, took command of the ship at Portsmouth and a crew was collected over the following weeks and this included George Kirk. The weekly musters were recorded in two monthly groups; one group was for July - August and another for September - October 1805. The latter, which covered the day of the Battle of Trafalgar, showed George's age upon entering the ship as 34 so there had not been a simple transcription error. However the former gave his age on joining the ship as 24. So 34 was incorrect and seems to have been an error by the recording officer. The Pay Book also confirmed that the new crew members were from the *Royal William*, *Chance* and,

lately, from Tisiphone. As George had by then some seagoing experience he was reclassified as an Ordinary Seaman. It was likely that he was employed in a gun crew as around 75% of the crew were required to man the guns when in action and the Able Seamen were used to sail the ship. Overall the evidence was building that our cousin and *Trafalgar George* were indeed one and the same person.

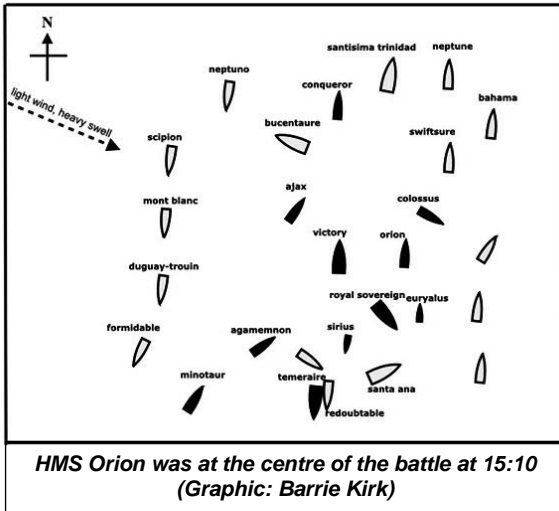
Orion sailed from Portsmouth on the 29th August 1805 and joined Vice Admiral Collingwood's squadron watching the combined Franco-Spanish fleet in Cadiz harbour from over the horizon. HMS Victory arrived on 29th September flying

Nelson's flag and he took over command of the fleet.

So it was that around noon on 21st October of 1805 that Captain Codrington noted in his logbook that he had received Nelson's famous signal

England expects that every man will do his duty.

However, because of the very light wind, it was over an hour before Orion could join in the



battle. Codrington's log showed that at 13:30, Orion passed the Spanish flagship Santa Ana which had already been dismantled and had struck her colours. She passed close to Victory about 15 minutes after Nelson had been shot and taken below. Victory and the Temeraire were by then locked in a struggle with two French ships. Orion held her fire whilst passing through the melee before opening up at 14:00 with a raking broadside through the stern of the French ship Swiftsure. The Swiftsure was quickly dismantled with the wheel and rudder shot away and she struck her colours.

Orion continued on into the thick of the action around Victory, Royal Sovereign and the enemy's flagships, Bucentaure, Santa Ana and Santissima Trinidad, which was a huge, 4 deck, 120 gun colossus. Belatedly the vanguard of the enemy's fleet had turned around and was trying to join the battle with the British flagships in their sights. However Captain Codrington brilliantly manoeuvred his ship together with the Minotaur and the Spartiate to thwart these efforts. It was during this phase that Orion assisted by Ajax, engaged and severely damaged the 74-gun ship French ship Intrepide. Captain Infernet of the Intrepide and his 10 year old son, a midshipman, had to swim for their lives and were rescued by Orion. Once onboard they were treated with great respect by the Captain and

crew. Orion itself had her own main topsail yard shot way in the action and there was structural damage to the quarterdeck and officers cabins. One of George Kirk's shipmates from Tisiphone, Ordinary Seaman John Crammond, was killed and a further 23 of the crew wounded. At 16:30 Nelson died on-board Victory and around 17:45 the French ship Achille spectacularly blew up with a loss of 480 lives and this event effectively signalled the end of the battle. The Intrepide surrendered to Orion which also took the Bahama in tow. Unfortunately a great storm was brewing which developed into one of the worst in the region during the nineteenth century.



Rosia Harbour, Gibraltar

(Image Barrie Kirk)

By the next day the storm was at its height and Captain Codrington had to cast off his prize to save his own ship being driven onto a lee shore. On 29th October Victory, with Nelson's body preserved in a cask of brandy, was towed into Rosia Harbour, Gibraltar.

Orion followed four days later in a poor state with conditions exacerbated by having to victual 1190 persons, which was over double its normal complement. There were around 100 men from other British ships and 580 French and Spanish prisoners, some badly injured on board. Orion itself was repairable at Gibraltar and therefore not sent back to England. Victory was made seaworthy and returned to England with Nelson's body whilst Orion was ordered into the Mediterranean. She remained there and in the Atlantic patrolling Spain and the Canaries until December 1806 when she finally returned to Portsmouth. It would have been only then that George Kirk would have reunited with his wife and saw his son George Rogers Kirk who had been born whilst his father was at sea. The boy would have been around eleven months old at that time.

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To be continued

*Images of the Cayman Island stamp
showing the action between Orion and Intrepide are available on line.*

From Blackheath to Broadway:

Discovering a Great-Aunt on the Edwardian Musical Stage

Robin Oakley

Blackheath in the late Victorian and Edwardian eras was still a distinct suburban village, not yet overwhelmed by the expansion of metropolitan London. It was (and still is) a pleasant place to live, with the heath, the boating pond, the village shops, and the plentiful trees and other open spaces. It is also of special significance in my family history because, although I was born in Hildenborough in the Weald of Kent in May 1940¹, both my parents came from professional families that had lived in and around Blackheath for several generations. Blackheath was where we were regularly taken as children to visit my maternal grandmother, May CORNELIUS née BOWDITCH (my one surviving grandparent), in her flat at The Lawns on Lee Terrace, as well as to see numerous aunts and uncles.

When I was young, I knew very little about the history of my family going further back, although I was aware that my grandfather, Joshua Charles CORNELIUS, had been wounded in the First World War and had died shortly after I was born². After my mother died in 1997, I spent a day driving around Blackheath with her sister (then aged 85), visiting houses where the CORNELIUS family had lived when they were children, and also Blackheath High School which they had both attended. I asked her more about family history and she told me how their father had originally come from a military family, and their grandfather Joshua was always known as *The Colonel*. She also told me that her father had an older sister named Dorothy, nicknamed in the family as *Jumbo*, who had gone on the stage as a career. While I do have a vague memory of being taken once as a child to visit this great-aunt, I do not recall her ever being referred to in family discussions or attending family events.



***The wedding of
Gerald Oakley
and Pamela
Cornelius
in 1938 at West
Wickham,
Bromley***

***Oakley family
album***

¹ See my article "Oldhouse Farm in Hildenborough: the Story of a Tudor Farmhouse and its Farming Families", *NWKFHS Journal*, Vol.14 No.7, September 2017

² See my "Letters from the Front: My Grandfather's Letters to his Children from The Somme in WW1", *NWKFHS Journal*, Vol.14 No.6, June 2017

A few years ago, still intrigued by the silence around this *Auntie Jumbo*, I finally got round to researching the CORNELIUS side of my family. I first discovered, using census, military and other records, that *The Colonel* had in fact been a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Royal Artillery, and - like his military father Henry CORNELIUS before him – had been based at Woolwich Arsenal. Interestingly, his wife Ada was the daughter of a German immigrant from Bavaria, George (originally Georg) BARTH, a master butcher in Woolwich who supplied meat to the British Army³. Barth Road in Woolwich is named after him.

Finding out about Dorothy CORNELIUS, however, proved much more difficult. Born in 1886, she appeared in the 1891 and 1901 Censuses as a child, with the family now living in Blackheath close to the edge of the heath - first in Mycenae Road, and then in Coleraine Road. They were close to Blackheath High School which I expect she attended, though the school has not so far been able to check their records for this period. By this time her father had resigned his military commission and had become a civil servant, working as an Inspector with the Board of Agriculture. After 1901, however, the trail went cold.

The breakthrough came when I chanced upon a link to the website of the National Portrait Gallery, whilst making one of my intermittent attempts to track her down via the internet. I discovered that they hold three postcard photographs of *Daphne GLENNE*, an actress who had been born Dorothy CORNELIUS⁴. Suddenly, the door was opened into the story of her subsequent life – or at least some parts of it!



**Dorothy Cornelius
(likely to be 1910)
Oakley family album**

After this, a fascinating picture began to emerge of a young lady from suburban Blackheath who, in defiance of her family's wishes and in contradiction with the cultural norms for a respectable woman of her social class, had – with no training or relevant background – launched herself into a career in musical theatre with almost immediate and remarkable success.

She began, it seems, by joining the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company as a singer in the chorus for their 1906-1907 London season, also securing one small solo part as a fairy in the Gilbert & Sullivan operetta *Iolanthe*⁵. Someone must have seen her in this and felt she had talent, because by 1908 she had been engaged by the company of the principal Edwardian musical theatre producer George Edwardes to play a leading part in his production of Franz

³ See the article on Georg Barth by Douglas Dashwood-Howard (in German) at <https://www.mainpost.de/regional/schweinfurt/Ein-Sennfelder-der-zum-Englaender-wurde:art763.9519961>. Barth Road in Woolwich is named after him.

⁴ <https://www.npg.org.uk/collections/search/portrait-list.php?search=sp&sText=glenne>

⁵ <http://www.gsearchive.net/whowaswho/G/GlenneDaphne.htm>

Lehar's famous operetta *The Merry Widow*. By 1909 she was playing the title role. This, however, was only the beginning. She next took on a leading role in the West End production of the successful musical play *The Dollar Princess*, in which she was then spotted by George Edwardes' American counterpart Charles Frohman. By the autumn of 1910 he had transported her across the Atlantic to play the title role in his own production of this musical extravaganza, and she toured all around the USA in this show in 1910-1911 (with his company travelling in a special train). Later in 1911, she returned to New York to play a principal role in Lionel Monckton's popular musical comedy *The Quaker Girl*, which ran from 1911-1912 at the Park Theatre on Broadway.

After this, and during the wartime years, she continued to play leading roles in musical comedies both in the West End and the provinces. Most of the information I have been able to discover about her stage career during these years comes from contemporary newspaper notices and reviews, which I accessed mainly through the internet and the British Library. The reviews consistently praise her acting, singing and dancing, and above all how she is able to combine all three. The most interesting sources are several lengthy feature interviews that she gave to newspapers whilst in America, where she talks about her family background and experiences in England, including the strong opposition of her father to her pursuing a career on the stage, and how she had changed her name for the purpose.

By the end of the war, however, she was no longer the aspiring young woman she had been when she left Blackheath ten or so years earlier. The touring life must have been wearing, and according to one of her American interviews, her real wish was to get into *straight* acting rather than the musical theatre. Films were now an alternative to the live stage, and when the foremost British film producer of the time, Will Barker of Ealing Studios, offered her a contract to play the lead in a series of silent films, she no doubt saw this as the way forward. In her publicity photos (which I have now tracked down), he billed her as *Daphne Glenne: England's Own Picture Girl*.



**Dorothy with her brother
Joshua Charles
Oakley family album**

She made six films in all between 1918 and 1920⁶, all seemingly well-received, but unfortunately for her Barker then gave up film-making and sold his studios. American films were now flooding the early cinemas, and the budding British film industry could not compete. Her career seems to have stalled completely at this point, as I can find virtually nothing about her in any of the sources for the next ten years. And, maybe for this reason, she is virtually invisible in the standard histories of Edwardian theatre and early film.

She finally reappears in the records in the early 1930s, still calling herself Daphne GLENN (now without the final 'e'), and running a dancing school in the (then genteel) Handsworth area of Birmingham. She continued to do this for the next 25 or so years, putting on productions by her pupils for charities, and undertaking a small amount of cabaret work as well. In the later 1950s she retired to south-west London (no return to Blackheath), and died in a nursing home in Bexhill in 1972. The only contemporary official source to acknowledge that she was once named Dorothy CORNELIUS is the probate record of her Will.

What happened to her during the 1920s remains a mystery, as do the reasons why she chose to become a dancing teacher and chose Birmingham rather than London as her base for the later part of her life. Another mystery is to what extent she became reconciled with the parents with whom she had grown up in Blackheath back in the late Victorian era. Others could be added including what experiences back in her Blackheath childhood impelled her to pursue a stage career against her family's wishes and helped her to succeed in this.

Copyright concerns prevent me from being able to include any of the commercially-produced photos from the glory days of her career. However, I have finally identified just one photo of her as a young woman tucked away in my aunt's childhood albums, and this reflects the beauty and charm that her publicity photos also convey. But whatever the challenging times she may have endured during her later years, she still appears to me as a self-confident and elegant lady in the only proper *family photograph* I can find that includes her, taken at my parents' wedding in 1938 just over a year before I was born. And I will always treasure the jovial little note I recently discovered which she sent to my mother congratulating her on my birth in 1940, and urging her
not to call the little chap Adolph!

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⁶ <http://www.citwf.com/person195847.htm>
www.nwkfhs.org.uk

As Poor as a Stockingner

Linda Thomas

For over 40 years, from 1861 – 1901 my Great, Great Grandfather, George Clay, was a framework knitter/stockingner and lived and worked in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire. Using evidence from census material, on-line publications and reported experiences relating to this period and place, the manufacturing process and its social and economic relationship is addressed. What is evident is that this relationship allowed the exploitation of the workers and their families, forcing them into poverty. Despite unsuccessful attempts to address this, through trade unions and a House of Commons Commission, it was the invention of larger steam-driven knitting machines which could only be housed in factories, along with alternative types of employment in Mansfield that eventually saw the demise of this traditional cottage industry.

The term 'stockingner' is an historical term used for someone who knits stockings on a circular frame.

I have always been intrigued by my paternal Great Grandfather's marriage certificate, which took place in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, on October 16th 1881. The names and occupations would seem quite familiar to me, except for one thing, the occupation given by his father, George Clay (1825 - 1904) who gives his occupation as a framework knitter.

Census research gave an address for name George Clay of Union Street, Mansfield, somewhere I already knew as I had visited there as a child. The occupation of a framework knitter or stockingner was given by George Clay in all censuses¹ 1861 – 1901. Further research using census information revealed that both George's father, James Clay (1801-1880), gave this as his occupation in 1841 and George's son, William, also gave his occupation as a framework knitter/stockingner from 1881 until 1911.

One press of the internet key, having entered *framework knitter*, revealed an array of sources, including a working museum with a video demonstration of a framework knitter at work and a complete history of framework knitting from the 16th century. I had entered the world of framework knitters and stockingners.

It would appear from my research that the first framework knitting machine was made in 1589. By the middle of the eighteenth century, this industry had arrived in Mansfield. The machines were complex and involved the operator using both hands and feet. The process involved a row of barb-shaped needles that hooked into loops, with yarn passing along the machine. The knitting machines also produced stockings using a circular system of hooks and needles that knitted tubes, which were later sewn into stockings.

To operate such a complex machine required skills learnt as an apprentice. During the early stages of the industry (1657), The Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters was formed to regulate this and control membership. During

the time my ancestors were operating, however, this livery company lacked any powers to enforce its rules or membership and had very few members registered.

At the time of George Clay, it was a cottage industry with machines still small enough to fit into homes. The whole family were involved in the process, with the husband operating the machine, the women seaming the stockings; young girls often seamed gloves, while the children's job was to wind the bobbins as *winders*. The censuses researched clearly show this pattern. The 1861 and 1871 censuses for George Clay gave his wife Hannah's occupation as a seamer or seamstress, and his son William, in 1871, a winder. Census evidence from 1841, 1851 and 1861, around the area of Mansfield where my ancestor lived, showed pockets of framework knitters living closely together in what seemed to be courtyards.

Both the machines and the cottages were rented, often from the same person and these rents needed to be paid regardless of whether there was work or not. Second-hand machines could be bought for £4 and could be rented out at one shilling a week². Each knitter bought their own materials from the hosier, who employed spinners to produce the yarn. A middle-man, called a *putter out* or *bag man*, acting between the knitter and the hosier, also took a share of the profits. In addition, the knitters were often not paid in cash but had to obtain food and other commodities through a shop owned by the hosier or middleman through a practice called *trucking*.

During the early part of the 19th century the industry grew in popularity and it was estimated by William Felkin in 1845 that there was a total of 14,879 frames being worked in Nottinghamshire with similar estimated figures given for most East Midland counties³. Also, such was the ubiquity of this occupation that often the enumerator used *FWK* as an abbreviation, which was evident in the census reports I researched. By this period the industry was overmanned due to pressure made by owners of the machines to rent these out and the expense in apprenticing the sons of knitters into other trades. This overmanning had a profound economic and social effect upon the lives of framework knitters and their families.

Several attempts were made during this period to organise framework knitters into trade unions. The cottage nature of the industry, however, made organisation difficult along with overmanning, which made knitters unwilling to join a union because it might prevent them being given work by the middleman.

By 1845 wages for frame workers had fallen to such a low level that, from pressure by the framework knitters and their families, a House of Commons Commission was set up and reported to the House of Lords⁴. Evidence from this commission makes disturbing reading and would support the popular phrase as *poor as a stockinger*⁵ which was in use at that time as a derogative term. Dr Manson told the commission⁶ *many of them were unhealthy and dyspeptic; they were pale, emaciated and thin*¹. Evidence given to the commission spoke of knitters working 14 hours a day in living conditions described as *bare* and *inferior* to the dwellings of the mass of workers in other industries.

Improvements in the industry did not come as a result of the commission or any attempt to organise workers into trade unions but from a change in the industry itself. Larger more productive frames, powered by steam, were introduced in the 1870s and these machines could only be housed in large factories. In addition to this, alternative employment in Mansfield and the surrounding areas, due to the opening up of new deep coal mines at the end of the 19th century, finally caused the demise of the traditional framework knitting industry.

Despite all the changes, it is interesting to note that George Clay in the 1901 census still gives his occupation as FWK but it is added *in own home*. He died in Mansfield in January 1904 and despite the hardships associated with this industry, it would appear that George Clay was a framework knitter to the end.

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¹ Ancestry – Census and Death record

George Clay

- 1841 Source Citation Class: *HO107*; Piece: 859; Book: 3; Civil Parish: *Mansfield*; County: *Nottinghamshire*; Enumeration District: 6; Folio: 26; Page: 19; Line: 3; GSU roll: 438905
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James Clay

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- 1851 Source Citation Class: *HO107*; Piece: 2124; Folio: 267; Page: 29; GSU roll: 87754

Hannah Clay

- 1871 Source Citation Class: *RG10*; Piece: 3473; Folio: 49; Page: 15; GSU roll: 839426

² <https://www.frameworkknittersmuseum.org.uk/>

Framework Knitters Museum: Museum Nottingham

³ <http://www.nottsheritagegateway.org.uk/people/frameworkknitters>.

Framework knitters by Dr Denise Amos.

⁴ <http://www.busca.org.uk/heritage/articles/village-history/local-history/history-of-framework-knitting/framework-knitters>.

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- ⁵ <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/office-holders/vol9/pp28-41#h2-000>
Commissioner 5 Feb. 1844 Muggeridge, R. M. (HO 38/43 pp. 492-5).
Commissioner Muggridge reported on 20 February 1845 ([609, 618, 641] HC (1845) xv, 1, 151, 665).

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- <http://www.busca.org.uk/heritage/articles/village-history/local-history/history-of-framework-knitting/framework-knitters.html> Organisation of the Industry Social Consequences
 - <http://www.nottsheritagegateway.org.uk/people/frameworkknitters.htm> Framework Industry by Professor John Beckett
 - <http://www.frameworkknitters.co.uk/>
 - The Worshipful Company of Framework Knitters

NWKFHS at Events in North West Kent

- **Tonbridge Library** hosted their first Family History Fair in October which NWKFHS was pleased to attend. Members Ruth Wiltshire, Mike Weeks and David Turner chatted with many interested visitors.

The Meeting Place, Dartford, was the venue for the NWKFHS events team in September. Barbara Attwaters, Barbara Phillips, David Turner, Mike Weeks, Lorraine King and Tony Codling represent the Society. Another visit is planned early in 2019.

At the time of going to press, the events teams intend to be present at the following

- a Drop-in event at **Bexley** Local Studies centre on 20 October.
- **Bromley** Remembrance Exhibition – 27 October to 19 November organised by the Association of Bromley Churches for Remembrance Day.
- A Drop-in session at **Bromley** Local Studies centre on 10 November 2018.
- You might have met volunteers from NWKFHS on the FFHS stand at Hobbycraft Fair at the ExCel centre on 15-17 November 2018.

And Next Year

- Volunteers from the Events team hope to represent the Society at Book Buzz Day on Saturday 2 March 2019 at Bexley Local Studies centre.
- Volunteers needed to co-ordinate NWKFHS presence at Family Tree Live, Alexandra Palace, Friday and Saturday, 26-27 April 2019

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DNA Matching and Ethnicity Tests

David Cufley

A friend asked about the differences in his and his father's autosomal test results done by FamilytreeDNA (FTDNA) and AncestryDNA (AncestryDNA). Both companies do similar tests for Ethnicity and Matching using the autosomal chromosomes, which are not gender specific.

As the current trend in family history advertising appears to be discovering your ethnic ancestors and less about matching with other testees, I thought it might be useful to explore what these tests tell us about our families and us. I have used my friend's results as the starting point of this exploration. More details of these companies' tests can be seen on their web sites, noted in the references below.

They have some interesting background to the way they present the data that is given in their *white* papers. These papers give the science Ancestry uses to give the results to subscribers (AncestryDNA 2018). FamilytreeDNA gives similar details but present it in a different manner (FTDNA 2018).

Richard (son)	FTDNA	David (father)	Ancestry
West and Central Europe	80%		
		Iberian Peninsula	8%
British	7%	British	55%
		Ireland/Scotland/Wales	12%
Scandinavian	6%	Scandinavian	24%
Jewish Diaspora (see Sephardic and Ashkenazi clusters)	2%		
Sephardic	2%		
Total	97%	Total	99%

In testing the autosomal DNA both these companies do the same to provide a) the ethnicity of the testees [myOrigins in FTDNA] and b) the matching of subjects results [AncestryDNA matching and FTDNA family finder]. FTDNA will accept the results from 23andMe or Ancestry and for a small charge (currently \$19, approx. £13) do the analysis.

The DNA of each person is made up of 23 chromosomes. The sex of each child is determined by inheriting one of the 23 chromosomes pairs, the X and Y chromosomes. The inheritance from each parent is approximately 50% of their other 22 chromosomes. This is a random mixture of DNA from each parent and it means the DNA make up of siblings is different, the exception being for identical twins.

Ethnicity Test

The ethnicity test compares the genetic ancestry SNPs (single nucleotide polymorphisms) with a reference sample of SNPs that have a known origin and ethnic background. Ancestry tests 730525 SNPs, a selected number of these SNPs are common to European and other populations. The latest method employed by Ancestry is to compare 26 global population regions; see table below; that is represented by 3000 samples. There are 111 British, 135 Irish, 232 Scandinavian and 166 western European samples in the reference group. FTDNA has constructed a reference set from various sources, GeneByGene DNA customer database, Human Genome Diversity Project, International HapMap project, Estonian Biocentre and 1000 Genome. The final number of individuals in the reference is 2943 and is rationalised from 55 reference populations into 24 population clusters. The way each company describes the population clusters is different, see table of Richard and David's results above. The description or mapping is given in FTDNA (FTDNA 2018a) and AncestryDNA (AncestryDNA 2013) papers. In the case of Richard, he has inherited 50% of his father's chromosomes and 50% of his mother's chromosomes and that is one factor why there is a difference in the origins from Richard to David's, as the mothers influence has altered the balance when they combined. This difference is made more noticeable by the way Ancestry and FTDNA report the results. The analysis and estimation of ethnicity is done by using the ADMIXTURE program by Ancestry. FTDNA did use 'Structure' program but now uses the ADMIXTURE analysis, which has shown to be as accurate and faster than 'Structure' (FTDNA 2014). The difference in population regions used is the second factor causing the difference in the ethnicity results.

Table of comparisons of the Population regions.	
Ancestry Populations. AncestryDNA-Ethnicity-White-Paper.pdf does not describe the 26 areas but it does show them in Fig 3.7.	FTDNA Population Clusters https://www.familytreedna.com/learn/user-guide/family-finder-myftdna/myorigins-population-clusters/
Europe East	East Europe: The East Europe cluster consists of an area encompassing present day Latvia, south to Ukraine, Romania, and the northern part of Bulgaria, west along the eastern edge of the Balkan states to Poland and the eastern half of Germany.
European Jewish	See Ashkenazi and Sephardic clusters. FTDNA reported Jewish Diaspora is a permanent displacement of a population whose origin lies in a separate geographic location
	Ashkenazi: The Ashkenazi cluster, which represents the majority of the world's Jewish population, derived from countries that were located within Central and Eastern Europe.
Europe West	West and Central Europe: The West and Central Europe cluster consists of present day countries of France, Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Austria, Czech Republic and Germany.
Finland/NW Russia	Finland: Genetic influence from centuries of occupation and invasion is illustrated in the close kinship between populations in the Finland cluster and populations from Russia and Scandinavia.

Ancestry Pops.	FTDNA Population Clusters.
	<p>Siberia: Modern humans arrived in Siberia by access to the region when the retreating ice sheets opened it up. Some groups continuing east across the Bering Land Bridge to populate the Americas. There is still genetic kinship between Siberian and Native American populations.</p> <p>Populations within this cluster experienced predominantly Chinese influence. Later influence from the Turkic-Mongols, then Genghis Khan. Then the Mongol Empire laid claim to Southern Siberia.</p>
Great Britain	<p>British Isles: <i>Homo sapiens</i> arrived on the British Isles via a land bridge that connected to continental Europe. Trade routes spanned from Ireland into central and eastern Europe via waterways. These trade links solidified a genetic connection with populations in the West and Central Europe cluster and areas of Scandinavia.</p> <p>By 43 CE, Roman forces had conquered Britain and the subsequent European expansions brought Saxon tribes into the British Isles. The Saxons, Angles, and Jutes came over to support British forces defending against the Picts and Scots in the 6th century.</p> <p>In the late 8th century the British Isles were invaded and settled by the Vikings. The Normans later invaded and solidified connections between the British Isles and continental Europe. This left a lasting impression on the genetic kinship between populations in the British Isles cluster and Southeast Europe, Scandinavia, and West and Central European clusters.</p>
Ireland	
Scandinavia	Scandinavia: The Scandinavia cluster consists of present day Norway, Sweden, and Denmark.
Caucasus	
	Sephardic: The Sephardic cluster originated with the Jewish people of Iberia and is found all along the shores of the Mediterranean. Closely connected to clusters in Southern Europe, this cluster also has a strong relationship to the Middle East.
Iberian peninsula	Iberia: The Iberia cluster consists of present day Spain and Portugal.
Italy/Greece	Southeast Europe: The Southeast Europe cluster consists of present day populations from the areas of Italy, Greece, and the western Balkan states from Bulgaria to Croatia.
Near East	
	West Middle East: The West Middle East cluster is comprised of present day populations from regions along the Eastern border of Egypt, Jordan, Israel, Lebanon, and Palestine. Regions within the West Middle East and East Middle East clusters were areas of the first migrations out of Africa
	East Middle East: The East Middle East cluster consists of regions that range from the southern coast of the Caspian Sea in Iran to Oman, Saudi Arabia, and Yemen.

Ancestry Pops.	FTDNA Population Clusters.
Native American	North and Central America: The North and Central America cluster consists of present day Native American populations that span from southeastern Alaska down through the western half of the United States and end at the top of Nicaragua.
	South America: The South America cluster is found in present day Native populations who inhabit Cuba, the Caribbean islands, the regions south of Nicaragua, and as far south as Argentina and Chile.
Melanesia	
Polynesia	
Africa North	North Africa: North Africa cluster consists of present day Tunisia, Northern Morocco, and Algeria
	East Central Africa: The East Central Africa cluster consists of populations from present day Ethiopia, the southern area of Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, the eastern side of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Zambia.
	South Central Africa: The South Central Africa cluster consists of present day South Africa, Lesotho, Botswana, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Angola, Zambia, and the southern half of the Democratic Republic of Congo.
Africa SC-Hunter Gatherers	
Benin/Togo	
Cameroon/Congo	
Ivory Coast/Ghana	
Mali	
	West Africa: The West Africa cluster spans the western coast of Africa including present day Chad and Niger with strong representation in Lesotho and Swaziland.
Nigerian	
Senegal	
	Asia minor: The Asia Minor cluster encompasses present day Turkey and Armenia.
Asia Central	Central Asia: The Central Asia cluster consists of present day Pakistan, Kashmir, Northern India, and Western Nepal
	South Central Asia: The South Central Asia cluster is comprised of present day Southern India and Sri Lanka.
	Northeast Asia: The Northeast Asia cluster encompasses present day China, Mongolia, Japan, Korea, Siberia, and Kazakhstan.
Asia East	
	Southeast Asia: The Southeast Asia cluster is primarily comprised of present day populations from Southeast China, Burma, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. However, this cluster extends, for less densely representative populations, to the islands of Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Sumatra, and the Malaysian Peninsula.
Asia South	
	Oceania: The Oceania cluster consists of present day populations from Australia, New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, New Britain Island, Timor-Leste, and Flores Islands

FTDNA has updated their genetic populations and population clusters based on new research (FTDNA 7 April 2017).

This article was received in July 2018. DNA research is evolving all the time and readers are advised to check current information.

The map representations of Richard and David's Ethnicity are different. FTDNA map of Richard shows three areas, West Europe, the United Kingdom with Ireland and part of Scandinavia centred about Norway. David's map shows four areas, the British Isles overlapping the western European coastline, Ireland overlapping the British Isles, Scandinavia encompassing Norway and Sweden and the Iberian peninsula with an overlap of the north African coast, southern France and the Mediterranean as far east as Corsica and Sardinia.

This article is an over simplified explanation of the methods used to estimate the ethnicity by comparison to a set of reference samples. You can read the full details from the Ancestry White Paper online at their web site and similarly from FTDNA in their web site resources; see references. As the future reference populations increase and the methods become more refined, better estimates of the ethnic ancestry of the testees will be possible.

This ethnicity test does not aid your family history research but it does improve your understanding of your ethnic origins.

Autosomal Matching Test

The autosomal matching tests; AncestryDNA and FTDNA *family finder* are more useful to family historians as they compare results of the test and suggest matches to other testees within 5 generations, approximately 150 years. This does confirm family and cousin kinships and does give a direction to the research needed to verify the relationship within each subject's pedigree

The method used to make the matches is to compare segments of the chromosomes' test results, the larger the matching identical by descent (IBD) segments of the chromosomes the closer the subjects are related. The smaller and less frequent the matched IBD segments the less closely related are the subjects. The test analysis determines if the segments are IBD. If they are IBD, the program calculates the relationship by the shared segments number and size. This is different to the matches you get for the Y-DNA; direct paternal line; and the mitochondrial DNA; direct maternal line tests.

The family finder test uses the OmniExpress microarray chip and it includes approx. 710,000 SNPs from your autosomal DNA. FTDNA family finder program declares a segment to be IBD if it contains 500 matching SNPs (FTDNA 2012). The IBD segment that is 5 to 10 centimorgans FTDNA says this indicates shared ancestry. AncestryDNA stores segments longer than 6cm as a match in the database. Blocks larger than 10 centimorgans are said by FTDNA to be conclusive shared ancestry. A centimorgan is a measurement of how likely the

segment is to recombine as it passes from parent to child. The family relationships of shared DNA are shown in the table below.

Shared DNA in centimorgans	Possible Relationship
3475	Parent, Child or identical twin
2400-2800	Full Sibling (including fraternal twins)
1450-2050	Grandparent, aunt, uncle, half-sibling
680-1150	1 st Cousin, Great grandparent
200-620	2 nd Cousin
90-180	3 rd Cousin
20-85	4 th Cousin
6-20	5 th Cousin
Table after Ancestry 'Measuring Relatedness' (Ancestry 2017)	

1 st Generation	2 nd Generation	3 rd Generation	4 th Generation	5 th Generation	6 th Generation
You	Parents	Grand-parents	Great-GP	Gt Gt-GP	Gt Gt Gt-GP
1	2	4	8	16	32
Total	3	7	15	31	63
Total different surnames *	2	4	8	16	32
Percentage genetic material distributed by generation.	50%	25%	12.5%	6.25%	3.125%
* Assumes no cousin marriages					

The need to research your five generation ancestors and discover their part or complete 32 surnames will provide the initial data to discuss with subjects recognised by the program as being matches. By downloading the surnames, you will increase the likelihood of possible matches contacting you if they see a familiar surname. It will also allow you to target surnames with matches when you are seeking links and connections to the families. If both subjects of a match do not have a connection then a non-parental event (NPE) should be considered.

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DIRECTORY OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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MEMBERS INTERESTS LISTING

MEMBERS INTERESTS LISTING			Membership Number
ABBIS	18-20c	Any BDF	8060
BLAYDON	17c	Dalham SFK	8047
BRAY	18-19c	Bromley KEN	8069
BRUCE	19-20c	Greenwich KEN	8065
BUCKLE	18c	Walton-le-Soken ESS	8047
CALLAM	18-19c	Lewisham KEN	8069
DAVEY	18-19c	Lewisham KEN	8069
DOWSON	19-20c	Bexleyheath KEN	8065
FISHER	15-18c	Bath/Batheaston SOM	8047
JEROME	18-19c	Bromley KEN	8069
KNIFE	17c	Wargrave BRK	8047
LAWLESS	19-20c	Bexleyheath KEN	8065
LEATHERLAND	Any	Any NTH/WAR/LEI	8060
LEWIS	18-19c	Bromley KEN	8069
MORGAN	19-20c	Any STS	8060
POLLARD	19-20c	Welling/Dartford KEN	8065
RELPH	19-20c	Greenwich KEN	8065
RICHARDS	18-20c	Any NTT	8060
RICHARDSON	18c	Saffron Walden ESS	8047
STECHMANN	19-20c	Any LND	8060
WORKMAN	17c	Bisley GLS	8047
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Family Moved to New Zealand?

Need help to find them? Part 2

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Census/Electoral Rolls/Directories New Zealand has a census every 5 years but until the introduction of the Public Records Act 2005 most of the censuses were destroyed after the statistics were taken. This act now requires NZ to keep all censuses from 2006. A number of other acts have gone through in past years and some censuses in recent times have been retained but are not of much help to researchers at present.

There are many census substitutes and the electoral rolls and postal directories are terrific resources. Both are available through www.ancestry.co.uk. The electoral rolls cover 1853 – 1980. When downloading an image, the whole page is shown so you can pick up other family members. Full names are used in the early roll up to about 1954.

New Zealand was the first country in the world in which all women had the right to vote in parliamentary elections. In most other democracies, including Britain and the USA, women didn't get the vote until after WWI.

After a series of massive petitions, the right to vote was given in 1893. This resource is free to search although it is not complete. Once a name is found you can click on and see a signature. There are also parts of the 1892 petition available to search as some names may be on one or the other. See <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/womens-suffrage/petition>

The compulsory regulation of 1925 requiring all eligible voters to register and the publication of electoral rolls on a fairly consistent basis (generally country-wide) make electoral rolls useful for tracking individuals over time and place.

Directories can be very useful for tracking your family as full names and occupations are given. They run from 1866 – 1954 and are also available on the Ancestry website. These include occupations as well as full names in the early issues. Some postal directories are available on Find My Past but coverage is not as good.

Maps/Place Names/Cemeteries If you have names and the areas they resided in that will help pinpoint where your families lived and a more focused search on local resources can then take place. When searching you will find that the majority of place names are Maori so looking at a good map of the regions is helpful. The Wikipedia map with district councils is helpful.

Once the district is known, cemetery indexes are often freely available to search directly so knowing which councils they come under does help. Along with district and city councils many libraries have databases you can also search e.g. Auckland City Library. These resources are all free: www.ancestry.co.uk also has cemetery records available.

Newspapers Another great resource to use for your searches is the on-line resource of digitised newspapers. <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

This site contains digitised images from NZ newspapers and periodicals published between 1839 and 1948 with over 100 titles. This resource is invaluable as so many of the smaller town newspapers are digitised and often you can get many hits for your ancestor. A favourite of mine is a description of a family wedding with full details of wedding dress, bridesmaids' dresses, mother-in-law's dress, flowers and main guests attending.

Military Both the Boer war and WWI service records including nurses' service records are freely available to download from the archway website <https://archway.archives.govt.nz>

For WWII, anyone can request the service records of deceased former service personnel, whether it is for a research project, your family history or your personal interest. You can request a copy of a deceased person's service record by writing to the NZDF Archives. Information is on www.nzdf.mil.nz/personnel-records/nzdf-archives/ with all details required for any application. If you request a copy of a single record within a 12- month period the copy will be free. If more are requested the cost is \$28. It can be paid by credit card. If the service personnel died after service you will have to provide a copy of a death certificate, a newspaper death notice, funeral notice or photo of a headstone.

Records of service personnel are also available on the Online Cenotaph, Auckland War Memorial www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph.

Also available on Ancestry are the Army WWI Nominal Records, Army WWI Reserve Rolls, Army WWI Casualty Lists and the Army WWI Roll of Honour.

For WWII there are the Army WWII Nominal records 1939-1945. These aren't complete. These records consist of the names of the 2nd NZ Expeditionary Force. Another useful database they have is the NZ WWII Appointments, Promotions, Transfers and Resignations.

***Check out the general websites given in Part 1
as a vast amount of information has been digitised in New Zealand.
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The World War One Diaries of FJG Foot

Dartford Resident and Soldier

A selection from September to November 1918

Janet Rose

1 October Father and I went to London by train. Had lunch in Lyons Corner House then went to Fortnum and Mason's and bought a haversack -£1. Also called in Music shops in Bond St. and Harry Hall in Oxford St. to be measured for a pair of breeches costing £14.14s 6d and a cap with a badge £1.10s. In Regent St. we bought tickets for Madam Clara Butt's concert at the Royal Albert Hall next Saturday. Purchased unreserved seats at 2s 6d each. Called at Fallowfields to buy a slip in photo album price 6s to hold 22 photos postcard size. Next we bought 2 songs in Walsh Holmes and Co Music Shop for 2s each and finally went to the Interoven Stove Co in Charing Cross Rd to view a stove which would be very suitable for our kitchen. There is a large oven above the fire and one below. The oven, boiler and hot plate are heated together. One scuttle of coal will do the cooking, heat the bath water and give a cosy fire all day.

2 October Father and I cycled via Tonbridge to Aunt Polly's at Southborough. 25 miles.

3 October Cousin Nellie took my photograph in two positions. Later we went back and I saw the negatives then Nellie took 2 more photographs in different positions – hat on and off. After lunch with Aunt Polly and Mary we left at 2.15pm. to cycle back to Dartford.

4 October Mother (deceased) was born in 1854. We tried to put a wreath on her grave in Watling St. Cemetery but it was closed as it only opens on Sundays. I cycled to Kingsfield Physical Training College to see Miss Clarke. Received a letter from Mary sent to me in France and redirected. It was dated 26/9/1918.

5 October Father, Amy and I went to London by train from Dartford. I called at Henry Halls in Oxford St. to see if my breeches were ready and discovered that, in error, they had been sent to my Company in France! They apologised and asked me to let them know if the breeches had arrived when I get back to France. At 2.30pm we went to a concert at the Albert Hall with Clara Butt and other famous performers.

6 October After attending Christ Church in the morning we got a tram to Watling St. Cemetery and visited Mother's grave and saw 'Lieut. Tucker's' marble tombstone. He was confirmed with me at Dartford Parish Church and was killed in a flying accident.

7 October Saw in the papers that Germany had asked for an armistice. I called at J and E Hall Ltd. and met all the staff. Received proofs of my photos from Cousin Nellie Dudeney.

8 October Mr Bayliss called at noon to deliver the *Bewty* stove with him for our drawing room. We examined the hot water circulation to the bathroom from the www.nwkhfs.org.uk

kitchen as we have never yet been able to obtain water hot enough for a bath. We went in the 2nd house from ours to see water circulation there. Called to see Mr and Mrs Nicholson in King Edward Ave. Mr Nicholson is foreman of the Pattern shop at Messrs J and E Hall Ltd. Amy gives pianoforte lessons to their little girl. They have two of the *Interoven* stoves fitted in their house which we called to see. Then we called at East Hill to arrange with Mr Bayliss to fit an *Interoven* stove – Fine cast ground and enamelled (£7.10s) with wrought iron boiler (£3) and Hot Closet ground and enamelled 30s. The Battle of Cambrai began today.

9 October Spent the morning fitting the *Bewty* stove in the drawing room. Cousin Cyril visited and 5 other people came in the evening for a musical evening.

12 October My leave finished today. Rose 4am. Said goodbye to Father and Amy after the delightful holiday I have spent with them. Left home at 5.30am and caught the 6am tram to Charing Cross underground to Victoria and reported to RTO at SE and CR Station at 7.30am. My train left for Dover at 8am arriving at Dover 10am. Went for a short walk in town with another RE Officer. Reported at station again 11.15am and had fairly smooth crossing of the Channel although it was wet and cold. Arrived in Calais in time for tea at EFC Officers' Rest House where I stayed the night in a nice room for 2fr. After tea I went for a short walk in the town to make a few minor purchases. Wrote a letter to Father and Amy. Dinner at 7pm. Retired 9pm.

13 October Rose 5.30am. After breakfast took a cab to Les Fontinette Station reporting to RTO at 7.15am. The train didn't leave Hazebrouck till 8.30am then I walked to the Officers' EFC Rest House with 2nd Lieut Sharp. Had lunch and tea there then went back to Hazebrouck station and left on 5pm train travelling to Bailleul to Steenwerck station arriving about 6pm. I found my camp near Le Seul and arrived in time for dinner. The camp is just in Belgium, about 1¼ miles south of Neuve Eglise. Major Runciman was the only officer of my No 9 Foreway Company but Captain Jackson was assisting. Slept in a tent. Very cold night. Private Plume acted as my batman *pro-tem*. I found my breeches from Harry Hall that I ordered whilst on leave.

14 October Battle of Courtaiz. Examined all trucks, tractors and Ford cars and wrote reports on same.

15 October Battle of Flanders. Arranged for construction of tractor workshop and car repairs.

16 October 16th Germans retreated from Lille. Good news of advance in Belgium.

17 October Battle of the Selle.

19 October Building store near tractor shed. We are operating the light railway for RE Stores and personnel between Bailleul and Ploegsteert Wood to Pout Rouge as well as repairs and building.

21 October Moved from tent into a hut with Captain Herdman. Sapper Turner is now batman for him and myself.

22 October Advance on Mosul. Received instruction to report to Internal Combustion Engine Supt. for a course of instruction for a fortnight to be attached to 21st Light Railway Train Crew for rations and accommodation. Pioneer C J Goddard came with me as batman – quite a smart lad from near Eye, Suffolk. Reported to Captain Herring, who was very nice. I slept in a tent. Good news in the papers. The Germans are entirely free from the Belgium coast.

24 October Received orders this morning to return to my own company. Six other ranks from Yser workshops were also detailed to join my 239th Light Railway Forward Company. After walking round workshops with Captain Herring, I returned by car to Le Seul about noon. Letter from Amy saying she and Father had been to the induction of the Rev Wormell as new Vicar Of Christ Church Dartford.

25 October Spent morning stocktaking tractors, trucks, tools and spares. Captain Herring is going to take over all these tomorrow.

26 October British and Italians crossed the Piave. The British capture Aleppo. Completed stocktaking of stores to be handed over to ICE Supt Captain Herring. Our company moved today to Hazebrouck. Marched to Steenwerck station and went by train. We billeted at a fine large house near the R.E. workshops in Avenue Hondeghem. Had tea with Captain Moon at Officers' Club and six of us had dinner there at 7pm near Mairie in Square. Sleeping in large room alone. Pioneer Goddard is still my batman.

27 October Walked round Hazebrouck and saw considerable damage done by the heavy shelling.

28 October Wrote to The Times Publishing Co. and Associated Newspaper Ltd. Asking them to make correction for our new address when sending copies of The Times and Daily Mail for the Mess. British and Italians advanced on Asiago, many villages captured.

29 October 9am – Parade for medical inspection. Took charge of H.Q. and No.3 sections for bath parade. The baths were situated on Borre Becque near St. Sylvestre Rd. Capt. Moon and I went by Ford car to Armentieres Railway Station. Called at the Post Office and obtained a mail bag for us. Nieppe was badly shelled but parts of Armentieres were better than expected.

30 October The Turks surrendered to the Allies to-day. Visited the Parish church in Hazebrouck – a fine large and artistic structure.

31 October 2nd Lieut. Wilson and I went for a walk round Hazebrouck and examined quarters, cookhouse etc.

2 November After 8.30am marched No.3 section to Hazebrouck station. Left by 9am train to Abeele. Marched men from the station to the huts in the village. A total of 55 all ranks. Several of the officers went to the Officers' Club in the square for dinner. British success on Asiago Plateau.

4 November Sambre (Last battle on Western Front) commenced Austrian Armistice.

5 November New Zealanders captured Le Quesnoy. Very wet. The roof of our hut had leaked overnight and soaked my blanket. Spent the afternoon preparing another small hut as sleeping quarters for myself.

8 November News in paper that Germany is sending delegates to meet Marshall Foch with regard to Armistice terms. The British entered Tournai today. They also returned to Gallipoli.

9 November Very cold – a white frost. Capt. Stoneham and I walked by the railway to Remy and Poperinghe to new camp *Folly Camp* at the east end of Poperinghe where we intend to move tomorrow. A small detachment have been sent to prepare. I received instructions to act as prisoner's friend in a Court Martial case on 2nd Corporal Emms.

10 November We left Abeele at 10am by broad gauge railway to take up our new quarters at Poperinghe. Capt. Stoneham and I slept in a Nissen hut. A Sapper Hunt is now doing the cooking for us. At 9pm we heard shrill whistles from trains also searchlights shining and loud cheering. Evidently the Germans must have accepted Marshall Foch's Armistice terms.

11 November **ARMISTICE.** British enter Mons. Rose 6am. After 7.30am parade walked the length of the railway to Peselhock as far as Crombecke Triangle. Breakfast 11am. Poperinghe was decorated with flags owing to Armistice terms being accepted. Received orders to return to my own company as soon as the car arrives so I can interview 2nd Corporal Emms now under arrest and to be tried by Court Martial tomorrow. The car arrived about 4.45pm and I left with enough kit for two nights, taking my batman with me. Travelled in heavy rain to Company H.Q. Had to change completely as soaked. Visited the prisoner in the guard room to ask him about several points in connection with his case. 2nd Lieut. Wilson is prosecutor. Retired 11pm. Spent sometime studying Military Law.

The Armistice was signed at 5am and fighting ceased at 11am today.

12 November British entered Constantinople. I went with prisoner, witnesses, escort etc. on our Company lorry to St. Omer to attend the Court Martial of 2nd Corporal Emms at the Town's HQ Wilson was prosecutor and I acted as prisoner's friend. We left Hazebrouck at 8.30am and the Court opened at 10am. Case finished at 1pm. Three of us had lunch at the CFE Canteen's Officers' Club in Rue Carnot. We walked round the town and the gardens. We returned by lorry arriving at Hazebrouck in time for tea.

15 November Allied armies began march to the Rhine today.

The diary (November - December) will conclude in next issue of The Journal

Janet Rose 2270

Publications and Projects Report

Barbara Phillips

Lewisham Baptisms and Burials

Lewisham Baptisms was revised in a different format so that an alphabetical listing could be added. The original format involved virtually a file for every year which made it difficult.

The data was made up from the original Parish Registers and Bishop's Transcripts due to the early registers being badly damaged by a fire in 1830 combined with the poor quality of the film in places. Unfortunately there are differences between the two and the page numbering can be erratic to say the least. Therefore some entries have the same number although appearing in different years. However, the fact that there were two sets of registers available has been fortunate. [Note: Bishop's Transcripts are copies of the original registers which were annually sent to the Bishop. They are particularly useful where original records do not survive.] Unfortunately though there are two periods in the Burials which have been lost either through time or the file i.e. A note in the register by J. Norton dated February 19th 1851 said "Burials from 1786 to 1790 appear to have been carried to the end of this book but of these only 1786 remains", hence a gap of 3 years. A gap of one year is for 1830 itself (year of the fire) as 1829 ends in December and the next file starts in December 1830.

We are currently working on the Marriages but it is likely that the same situation applies.

CD113v2	Lewisham St Mary Baptisms 1782-1851. (over 10,100 entries) plus alphabetical index.	£13
CD116	Lewisham St Mary Burials 1782-1786, 1790-1829, 1830-1854 (over 8200 entries) plus alphabetical index	£13

The following are a couple more:

CD115	Ash St Peter and St Paul Baptisms 1736-1812 (over 900 entries) includes place of marriage of parents and mother's maiden name plus alphabetical index.	£5
CD117	Plumstead St Nicholas Baptisms 1788-1861 (over 4000 entries) plus alphabetical index	£8

Plumstead Burials will be ready shortly and the Parishes of Ash and St Mary Cray are also virtually completed and will be prepared for publication in the near future.

As mentioned in the September journal the CWG Photographic Project Service Deaths are now available. We have split them into three overall areas, Bromley, Dartford and Sevenoaks which was how they were grouped for photographing. Sincere thanks to all those involved – you should be proud.

The discs contain images of individual service personnel headstones plus those commemorated on family graves, some of graveyards, and a detailed listing of

those either buried or commemorated (supplements CWG website in some instances) – gives name, age, military details and where either buried or commemorated if elsewhere.

DVD-OR35... **CWG and CWGPP Dartford Area:** Over 900 images. £10

DVD-OR36... **CWG and CWGPP Sevenoaks Area:** Almost 800 images £10

DVD-OR37... **CWG and CWGPP Bromley Area (two discs):** Over 1700 images £15

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TRY OUT SOMETHING NEW in 2019

The following tasks give you the chance to try out something different for a limited period (extendable). Come as a couple, bring a friend or use this as an opportunity to build new friendships.

Make a New Year's Resolution to try something new for a few weeks ... longer if you wish. If you enjoy reading, can use a keyboard and work methodically? Come to the library four consecutive weeks for two hours a week between 10.30 and 3.30pm?

Task 1 Help with a recent generous donation of books. You will be asked to look through various log books about the movement of shipping on the River Thames in the period 1931-1941 and enter (type) each person's name into a provided work sheet on a provided laptop and hit the SAVE button. If you would like more information contact Janet Rose or David Turner, e-mail library@nwkfhs.org.uk

Task 2 Help with the Occupations' Browser files. These are a collection of loose papers that need trimming, added to an existing catalogue and filed into an existing system. If you would like more information contact Janet Rose or David Turner, e-mail library@nwkfhs.org.uk

Task 3 If you can use Access database, or have experience of databases generally and would be willing to learn Access, you could be the second person in the Society to be able to enter and manipulate data on the Library catalogue. Chat to David Cufley or e-mail offers to president@nwkfhs.org.uk

Society Secretary

Can you help with the circulation of Society papers, take minutes at Saturday morning committee meetings (less than eight a year) and organise paperwork for the Annual General Meeting. You'll need confidence with e-mails and attachments, be methodical and able to maintain the official records (not

membership) and probably have had administrative experience. E-mail Tony Codling if you can help on chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk

Event co-ordinator

Would suit a couple of friends who would enjoy booking attendance at external events, organising volunteers, collecting display materials from the Society Storage unit near Crayford and attending events both locally and once or twice a year in London or the SE venues. Expenses paid. Chat to Barbara Phillips, Barbara Attwaters or Tony Codling e-mail chairman@nwkfhs.org.uk. The vacancy is due to the retirement of current co-ordinator, who remains available to advise and guide.

Single- event co-ordinator

...or you could offer to do just that for one event only in 2019.... we really need a presence at Alexander Palace! See advertisement in September Journal.

Born to sell?

We need a volunteer who is willing to collect some books from the NWKFHS Joydens Wood library, browse through them and then take them to any or all branch meetings and sell any or all! These are donated items that are duplicated in the Society library or are not suitable to the library. You can choose dates to suit you.... and branches to suit you.... Unsold books and monies returned to the library. You can offer to go to one branch or two branches or three branches. All monies raised go towards the Society funds and, at present, simply remains as unrealised income sitting in boxes in the library occupying valuable space. Please just commit some time to help out now and again. Talk to David Cufley or David Turner or e-mail offers to library@nwkfhs.org.uk

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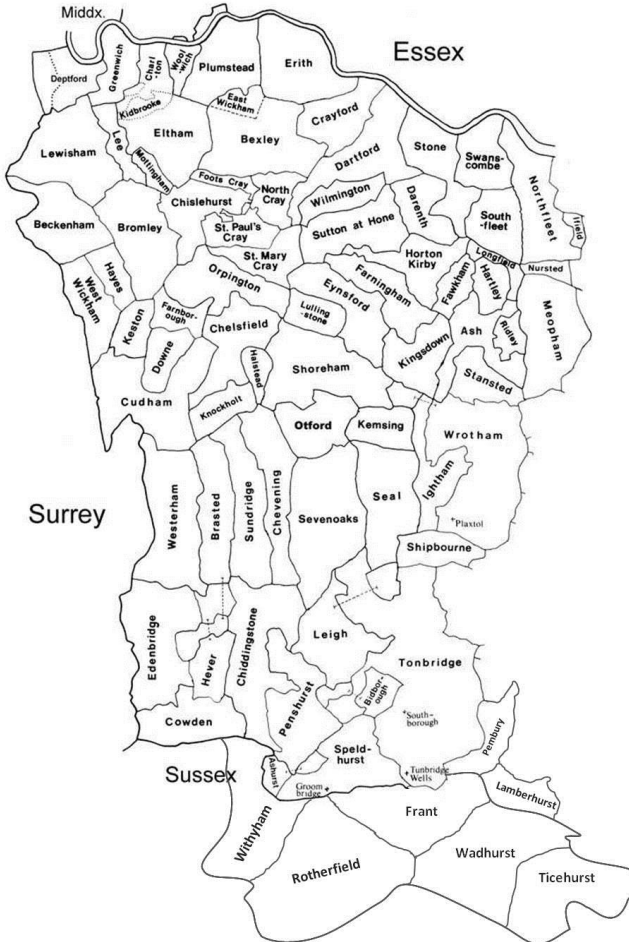
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