

Root and Branch December 2016

The contents of the December 2016 issue are:

Regular Features

West Surrey Family Society Information / Root and Branch: Information about membership categories and guidelines for submitting articles to Root and Branch.

Publications through the WSFHS Bookstall include: CD1: Surrey Poor Law - Index and Calendar.

Editorial: R&B continues to include articles about WW1 and several of the Centres have hosted talks on the subject. Derbyshire Record Office, like others around the country, is facing cuts in opening hours.

Letter from the Trustees: The Trustees highlight the value and pleasures of belonging to WSFHS. However if the society is to flourish more volunteers are needed to help run it. Geography is not a barrier to volunteering so please consider how you can help your society.

How Well Do You Know Surrey? Tony Kelly poses a question for members and provides the answers to the puzzles he set in the June and September issues of R&B.

Diary of Events around the UK: News regarding museums, family history fairs and associated events that will interest both new and experienced genealogists

Mailbox: A member asks if anyone knows where the Banns of Marriage for the Holy Trinity Church in Clapham, 1807-1895, can be found.

Unwanted certificates available to researchers include: Births. DUKES, Charles Henry. HILTON – John, Matilda, John Edward James, William Henry, Louisa, George, Edwin George, Susanna Rhoda, Alfred, Ellen, Walter, Sophia Elizabeth, Elizabeth Grace, Agnes Louise and William Henry.

Members' Interests: Should any of the following names appear on your family tree, you may wish to check the list in Root and Branch for complete contact information. KENDAL, LUXTON, NASH.

Help for Members: Jane Thomas asks members to contact her if they are able to undertake up to an hour's research for a fellow member. Members can also apply to Jane if they wish to request help.

Bookshelf: Tracing Your Seafaring Ancestors by Simon Wills.

Computer Corner: Jeanne Bunting updates readers on the work with her new scanner. She urges members who are interested in census errors to read Peter Christian's article on his website at <http://www.spub.co.uk/census/tables/mistakes-letters.pdf> Jeanne details some research she has undertaken on some photographs of soldiers.

Monumental Inscriptions Library: Tony Kelly gives an update on the continuing work on the Surrey MI Index which now contains 102,400 names from 278 churchyards and cemeteries around the ancient county. He explains the new MI Index on the Society's website.

News from Surrey Heritage: Julian Pooley announces the donation of a collection of glass plate negatives owned by the late Lyndon Davies, local author and historian, Most of the images are thought to be the work of Woking photographer, Sidney Francis. The photographs give a fascinating insight into the lives of Woking people and will be of great interest to family historians with ancestors in the Woking area. Julian provides an update on the Surrey electoral registers now available through Ancestry and on the continuing work on the "Surrey in the Great War" project. He also lists some of the new accessions together with details of forthcoming events.

News from the Centres: Details of the programmes planned for Camberley, Farnham, Guildford, Walton-on-Thames and Woking as well as a recap of recent meetings

Future Meetings at the Society: Upcoming meetings of the West Surrey Family History Society from December through March

Articles

WSFHS 42nd Annual General Meeting Report

Report on the Open Day – Saturday 5th November

In "Farnham Lads on the Somme" Jenny Mukerji provides a commentary on a booklet produced by Maurice Hewins of the Rural Life Centre.

David Rose's article "Unravelling the Mysteries of Mr Wheeler" explains how he became interested in Frederick Wheeler through the bottles he used for the ginger beer and fizzy drinks he produced in Guildford

Bob Verner-Jeffreys explains his dilemma in "Farewell to Arms: How Will My Family History Survive?"

Jenny Mukerji continues her series of articles about the people buried at Green Lane Cemetery, Farnham

Dominic Harper wonders about the reliability of information on Marriage Certificates in his article "Marriage Certificates – Fact or Fiction?"

Cliff Webb's article "Unlucky in Love" concerns Jane Catherine Kennedy who was divorced twice in the first ten years after the 1857 divorce act.

Kingston Poor Law Union - A transcription from the weekly meeting of 27 January 1852,

Bob Brock gives "A Note on Kindling"