

# Root and Branch March 2016

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## 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:** CD13 - Elmbridge Collection (Walton and Weybridge area)

**Editorial:** The Editors highlight some of the talks at Centre Meetings. Members are encouraged to send in stories and snippets about Surrey people and places. Membership of WSFHS is now due for renewal and forms can be found in the centre pages of this issue. The AGM will be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August at High Cross Church Knoll Road, Camberley.

**Letter from the Chairman:** Tony Kelly highlights the release of the 1939 Register for England and Wales. He recalls recent articles in the press about the GRO issuing uncertified extracts from the BMD Registers and, after making an enquiry to the GRO, includes an extract from a reply he has received on this subject.

**Letter from the Secretary:** Louise Maidens has received some photographs connected with the late Ellen Anne KERCHY, born 1916, and asks if anyone can help re-unite them with their rightful family.

**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 has information on Emma BICKNELL nee CARR. A second writer seeks information about the last resting place of Sabina Albertha ELDRIDGE who died on 4 December 1939. A member writes about the three sons of James WHETSTONE and his wife Eliza Maria HOGSDEN who were killed in WW1. Another reader is researching the WALLIS and SWAIN families and would like to connect with anyone from these families and a fifth letter comes from a member who recalls singing in the Onslow County Secondary School choir when it was conducted by Ralph Vaughan Williams.

**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.  
CAPPLEMAN, COOPER, COX, CRAYDEN, DANBY, RADFORD, SAYERS,  
STURMAN, SUMMERS, TALLEMACH, THORPE, THORPE-WILLETT,  
TOLLEMACH(E), WALDERGRAVE, WILLETT

**Help for Members:** Through the Society's Help Register, helpful members of WSFHS are ready and willing to undertake small research tasks for other members. Please consider adding your name to the Register.

**Computer Corner:** Jeanne Bunting notes the 1939 Register is now available on Findmypast and this may help readers break down some brick walls. She writes about Ancestry's decision to stop supporting Family Tree Maker. As Jeanne has bought a new computer she has the task of transferring all of her data to the new machine. She gives details of some new online records now available from TNA and The Genealogist.

**News from Surrey Heritage:** A virtual tour of Surrey History Centre is now available by visiting the website [www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistorycentre](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/surreyhistorycentre) clicking on Visiting Surrey History Centre at the left of the menu bar and then selecting "see inside on Google" More of the records held at SHC are becoming searchable online, including Military Tribunals records. Julian Pooley lists new accessions and gives details of forthcoming events and activities.

**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 March through June

## Articles

Mary Pitt writes that a new WW1 Cenotaph will be created in front of the In Flanders Fields Museum in Ypres.

Obituaries: June Rudman. George Samuel Spong

Christine Butler describes her mother's school trip to Europe at Easter 1936.

Renewal of Membership forms

Naomi Weatherhead has researched the life of Dorothea JONES, born 1816, after finding references to her in the Farnham Board of Guardians Minute Book

In "Women Etched in Stone" Shirley Forster explains how she overcame some of the problems encountered in researching the lives of women buried in Pirbright including Jessie CONELEY, Jane TERRY, Bertha KIRK, Margaret Ellen LAWRENCE\

Cliff Webb continues his life of Chertsey Wills in PCC to 1700: Sackfield RIDE, Edward ROGERS, Edward ROGERS snr. Edward ROGERS gentleman, Joanna ROYDON, Robert SMITH, John SMYTHER, Joanna SPENCER and Arthur SQUIBB

R P Heathorn tells the story of the Bell Ringing Hairdresser of Guildford

Daniel Worsfold writes about his search for information on his great great grandparents, Daniel HOUSTON and Dorothy CARRUTHERS