

Root and Branch December 2019

The contents of the December 2019 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: CD44: Transcriptions and Indexes in the Epsom District.

E-Downloads now available from Genfair.co.uk. Many parish register transcription and indexes for marriages, baptisms and burials from start of register to about 1837 in PDF format for personal use only. Now available to download to your PC, iPad, MacBook, iPhone, etc.

Editorial: The last 3 months have proved to be a busy time for the society. Richard Heaton gave an interesting talk on “Your Ancestors in Newspapers” before the AGM. The Trustees would like to hear from any member who can suggest how we can publicise the Society further and attract new members. The newly renamed “Surrey Family History Fair” was held in November. The stallholders reported they were pleased with the attendance and our experts were kept busy with queries and requests for information. As usual the talks proved popular. The four WSFHS centres have full programmes of talks and events for the New Year so please take a look at page 136. 2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower. We are asking any members who have family links to this event or to the Rotherhithe and Dorking areas at that time to tell us about them. The Editors draw attention to the wide variety of articles included in this issue, both regular contributions and new features.

How well do you know Surrey? Tony Kelly poses 2 questions for members and gives the answer to the last quiz.

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

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. BOWLER, CARR, DUELL, FORDHAM, GILMER, HOWLETT, HUDDLESTONE, LAMING, PETTYFER, RICHARDSON, SAYNER, SHEARD, WOLGE(A)R, WOOLGE(A)R.

Mailbox: A member has written in to ask if anyone can recognise the lady in the attached photograph. Four members report on a new website, www.institutionalhistory.com which is “dedicated to exploring the astounding and often gruesome crimes of inmates at Woking’s

Victorian Prison". A third email comes from a member searching for a Dedemiah Smith (spellings include Dedemiah, Didimia, Dedimya, Dutimiah, Dedimiar) and a Richard Smith. Has anyone come across this unusual first name in Surrey?

Help for Members: Jane Thomas runs the Help Register which aims to put in touch those members requiring help with those who can offer suitable assistance.

Bookshelf:

"Tracing Your Insolvent Ancestors" by Paul Blake.

"The Second World War Explained" by Michael O'Kelly

Computer Corner: Jeanne writes that, for a talk she was to give to the Farnham Group, she had to look again at Ancestry, FindMyPast, the 1939 census and the Lost Cousins websites and she tells of some of her interesting finds. She gives some titbits of 'news', both old and new, from The Genealogist, Family Search and FindMyPast.

News from Surrey Heritage: Julian Pooley updates readers on the progress of the project "Surrey in the Great War: A County Remembers". He reports on the development of the website <https://www.surreyinthegreatwar.org.uk/> and on a book of essays "In the Shadow of the Great War, Surrey 1914-1922" edited by Kirsty Bennett, Imogen Middleton, Mike Page and Juliet Warren, which focusses in detail on the personal, economic and social impact of the war upon Surrey. Julian lists new accessions and gives details of forthcoming events and courses.

News from the Centres: Details of the programmes planned for Camberley, Farnham, 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 to March.

Articles

WSFHS - 45th Annual General Meeting. Report by Chris Leech.

"Your Ancestors in Newspapers" - talk given by Richard Heaton. Report by Chris Leech.

Surrey Family History Show 2019 - report by Linda Dart.

The Mayflower - 400th Anniversary.

"Simplified Guide to Poor Law Acts" - Margaret Griffiths..

Cliff Webb provides a progress report on the transcriptions of parish registers for St Olave and St Saviour Southwark.

Shere Museum.

Cliff Webb continues to list Cobham Wills in the PCC: John COULTON; Richard PHILLIPP or PHILLIPPE; William SPONGE; Thomas SUTTON; Henry WOODS; John LEE; Cicely DARNELLY; Richard DUDLEY; John MOWER; John ALLEN; Francis STINT; Martha FOSTER.

“Who is Charlotte?” - Shirley Forster.

Sheila Brown recalls “A childhood memory of the early days of WWII”.

“Brave New Genealogy Revisited” - Bob Verner-Jeffreys.

Jenny Mukerji continues her series of “Tales from Green Lane Cemetery” writing about William Jacob WORIES and Johanna Augusta WORIES nee CARSTENS.

“The 1939 Register” - Cliff Webb.

Seasonal Closures.