

# Root and Branch September 2019

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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:** CD42 Transcriptions and Indexes in the Farnham 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:** As this issue of Root & Branch marks the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the first journal, which appeared in Autumn 1974, the Editors consider how the magazine has changed over the years including its format, method of production, the continuing development of some of the original features as well as the disappearance of others, such as the children's page. Members are reminded to have a look at the Members' Interest section of the website to see if you have any common ancestors with other members. Turning to this quarter's magazine there is information about our Surrey Family History Fair at Woking on 2nd November and the Society's AGM at Farnham on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Several of the articles are highlighted including Jane Sherwood's account of her "Disreputable Claygate Ancestors" while Jenny Mukerji tells us more tales from Green Lane Cemetery.

**Letter from the Trustees:** The Trustees report on some of their recent activities including their visit to FamilyTree Live 2019. They are looking forward to seeing many members and visitors to our Surrey Family History Fair on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at Woking Leisure Centre. Many thanks are given to Valda Hudson for 30 years of unstinting service as Co-ordinator of Camberley Centre. Lesley Hall has agreed to take on the mantle as Co-ordinator and is wished every success in her new role. The Society's AGM is being held on 5<sup>th</sup> October. As publicising the Society is an ongoing concern we would appreciate members giving some thought as to how we can expand our coverage to newcomers to family history. At the AGM there will be an opportunity for discussion about this important topic and your ideas will be very welcome.

The Trustees extend their congratulations and best wishes to Graham Bandy and Angela Welsford on their recent marriage.

**How well do you know Surrey?** Tony Kelly poses two questions for members and gives the answers 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.

**Mailbox:** Jenny Mukerji points out that in her recent article Robert Dixon Kingham's last home, Summercourt, was in Tilford Road and not Tilford (the village). Peter May recounts the story of a patrolling police car which took a pregnant woman to the hospital and later the woman named her new baby "Strange Conveyance". Mrs Austin-Evans asks if any member has information or images of Wargrave Manor in Wokingham. Dennis Sullivan writes with details of his Reigate "Unstead" connections.

**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.

**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. DANCE, MAY, WILLOUGHBY.

**Monumental Inscriptions Library:** Tony Kelly gives an update on the latest additions to the collection of Monumental Inscriptions.

**Computer Corner:** Jeanne reminisces about the hardware and software available in the 1980s for the budding family historian and reminds us about the importance of going to record offices as "it isn't all online"!

**News from Surrey Heritage:** There is no further news on any planned changes to the funding of Surrey History Centre but the SCC is undertaking a further consultation to gather opinion on potential changes to Surrey Libraries and Cultural Services. Readers are encouraged to take part and make their opinions known. Julian Pooley gives updates on the projects "March of the Women: Surrey's Road to the Vote" (which has now ended and the results are now live on Exploring Surrey's Past) and the transcription of references to Surrey in the "Gentlemen's Magazine". These are fantastic resources for family and local historians. Mike Page, the County Archivist, and Julian have been gathering information for their annual return. From April 2018 to the end of March 2019 17,588 people visited the SHC. 66 displays were put on at SHC and at venues cross the county which were seen by a total of 54,739 people.

Julian gives details of forthcoming talks and events.

#### **Bookshelf:**

"Tracing your ancestors using the census" by Emma Jolly.

"Supplying the British Army in the First World War" by Janet MacDonald.

"Tracing your Insolvent Ancestors" by Paul Blake.

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

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

## **Articles**

Surrey Family History Fair - Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019, Woking Leisure Centre.

WSFHS Notice of Annual General Meeting. Members' Afternoon and AGM, Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019.

Cliff Webb continues his article of Cobham PCC Wills 1559-1700 including: Frances JASON, Thomas PAR(R)ISH, Anthony THOMAS, Vincent GAVELL, George MARSH(E), Isaac HARRIS, Ann WILSON, Elizabeth CHITTY.

“My Disreputable Claygate Ancestors” by Jane Sherwood.

Surrey Sessions 14 January 1828 - Charles Bush charged with stealing a silver watch.

Lesley Hall gives an account of the Annual Summer Walk in London.

Jenny Mukerji continues her series of “Tales from Green Lane Cemetery” as she writes about Beatrice Hannah BOARER and Annie BOARER.

“Names I’m glad I don’t have” by Cliff Webb