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## Message from the Editor

It was almost forty years ago that I began pondering where my family originated, what they did for a living, where and how they lived. What started as a hobby all those years ago has turned into a passion. My honours degree was tailored to facilitate my knowledge of British history, and even skills learned throughout my professional career have been used to facilitate recording my research findings in a professional manner.

Thankfully, my Mother and Father-in-law both enjoyed the illustrated books I created for each of them to record the lives of their parents, grandparents and great grandparents, with descriptions of the locations where they lived and worked through the years. Now I have started to research my husband's family – and it is so wonderful to see how research has changed since those far off days of taking a pencil and lots of paper to County record offices, together with knowledge that I would need to spend hours browsing microfilm and fiche to discover about my ancestors. Now, I have been able to get back to huddies 8 x great grandparents using online resources. Still, there is nothing quite like holding an original record in one's hand. Please send in your articles relating to your own research to share with our members. We do love to hear from you.

*Angie, Journal Editor*

### **Deadline for June 2022 edition – 15 April 2022**

The Editorial Team will be pleased to receive articles for inclusion in this Journal. They can be short or long, with or without illustrations. Ideally they should be sent by e-mail to <editor@dorsetfhs.org.uk>, but typed hard copy or clear, legible handwriting sent to Treetops is also welcome. The editors may need to edit, abridge or reject any material submitted for publication and cannot guarantee that an article will be included in any particular edition.

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# Musings from the Chair



Well, how much have you spent so far on information from the 1921 census? Too much I must admit, but the problem with our addiction is that one more piece in our family puzzle is never enough!

I felt the urge to at least have a look at the families of my grandparents and their parents and thought, well that's only four images, I'll call it a late Christmas present to myself, but of course that's not the way it went.

So, there is my maternal grandad's family but there are two of his siblings missing. Ah, OK brother Harry had married by 1921 and there he is with his new family. What about sister Isobel. I remember now she lived and worked for a time at a local pub run by her mother's family. and there she is. Well, that's only two more images.

What about my maternal grandmother's family? That's good, they are where I expect them to be, but where is my gran? Well, no transcription is perfect but at least you can use the "fuzzy logic" searches and there she is. Well, I never knew she was a live-in maid at the local "big house". Just the one more image then.

What about my dad's side? I know my paternal great grandad died in 1917 but there is my great grandmother with my gran and her two young children. So that's OK.

My dad's dad's family are all there, but my grandad and his sister Nell are missing? Ah, but thats OK. Grandad was still a soldier in the Dorset Regiment, so with a bit of luck he is in barracks in Dorchester and...yes! There he is, and Nell was married by now so I should be able to find her with her new husband, Success!

So that's not too bad. Just five more images than I anticipated.....but it's not really fair to do my side and not my wife's line. This will have to be an early Easter present!

OK, my wife's paternal line. There is grandad and his family and grandma and her family. Both have one sibling missing but I know they were married by now and there is one ... and there is the other!

Just the two lines left then, the BLUNDENS and the BEDFORDS of Kingston on Thames, my wife's maternal grandparents.

So far so good, there is nanny Blunden with all her family on one record, and there are the Bedfords just missing two siblings. Great uncle Charles. Oh yes, he was still single and in the navy....and there he is, on board the HMS Southampton docked in Simonstown, South Africa.

This is going well! Just "Aunt Ett" to go now. I know she married at least twice so I will have to search on a couple of surnames but at least "Henrietta Emily" are quite uncommon Christian names...and there she is! Just around the corner from her family, under her married name of "ALEXANDER" with two sons. Hang on she should only have had one son by now! Who is Reginald H Bedford born 1913! Arrgh! Another little B\*\*\*\*\*d to chase!

*Merwe Goddard, Chairman*



## Zoom Meetings - Computer Group

*Richard Yates*

Although the Society may be looking to make use of the Wi-Fi at St George's which is newly installed to try a hybrid meeting, at present we will continue Computer Group by Zoom. We will also try to update you in each Journal, but as

the deadline for submissions is very early, it is difficult to remain up to date. If any member has no access to the website or e-news, please feel free to telephone Treetops (01202 785623), leave a message for Sheila with your telephone number, and I will contact you with details of what we are planning with Computer Group.

We are not charging for meetings, but we do request a donation. Details are always included in the invitation e-mail. The current programme of meetings is:

**April 5th @ 7.30pm via Zoom.** An Evening with the Society's Transcriptions. We will use the Share screen facility to make the Excel Transcriptions of Dorset registers available for the meeting. An opportunity to chase up that elusive Dorset ancestor, and find out what we have available.

**May 3rd @7.30pm via Zoom.** Rootschat Revisited. I have shared my experience of using Rootschat previously, but this will be an opportunity to look at more recent use of this site. Any other users are welcome to pitch in.

**June 7th @7.30pm Keep watching the Website.** The programme hasn't reached June yet. Keep watching the website or send in suggestions to me at the Liaison@ e-mail.

We will continue to place much of the emphasis on providing support to members and answering questions. Together with the new "virtual research centre", this is all part of helping you to be more skilled and efficient in your research and using members' expertise to assist other members. This will continue to be a priority of the Society. Please contact us with any requests for topics, or suggestions for future meetings.

*Richard Yates, Computer Group Coordinator*

# Meeting Programme and Speakers

*Sue and Pete Redfearn*



Due to the ongoing Covid challenges, we will continue to meet via Zoom Chat so please keep an eye on our Website and eNews letter for information on scheduled meetings.

We will be requesting small donations if you enjoy the events we have organised. The details to donate are: visit

<[www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/products/meeting](http://www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/products/meeting)> and select 1 or more £3 units before adding to your Basket. If you do not have your own PayPal account, choose the 'Pay by Debit or Credit Card' option to access the PayPal Guest Checkout.

## **Tuesday 15th March 2022 - "Finding My Family in India" by Elaine MacGregor**

Elaine knew her father and grandmother were born in India, it wasn't until she joined FIBIS (about 20 years ago) that she discovered 6 generations in India, originating from two poor Irish soldiers, one in His Majesty's forces and the other in the East India Company Army being sent out to India. It is estimated that there were 3 million Britons who lived and served in India over the three and half centuries of British presence on the sub-continent. They did not always stay there, some took their families with them, some had families in India, many died there, but just as many returned to the UK - hopefully Elaine will be able to give you an introduction of how to research those 'brick wall' ancestors during the period the British were in India from 1600 to 1947 together with sources and general background information of how and where to look for the records.

Now in her 70's, Elaine started researching her family history in her teens and used her grandmother's dog breeding pedigree forms to fill in a basic family tree. Then in her 20's Elaine started travelling, got married, had children etc. and it was only about 25 years ago that she

started researching her family in earnest. Elaine's husband bought a family history software package for Christmas - how he has regretted that purchase ever since! Elaine is a Trustee of FIBIS [Families in British India Society]; a member of BACSA [British Association for Cemeteries in South Asia] The Sussex Family History Group; The Guild of One Name Studies, with two names being researched - WOODNUTT, her maiden name and VANDERVORD, her husband's maternal ancestors. Elaine is currently doing the IHGS [Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies] Correspondence Course.

### **Tuesday 19th April 2022 – “Moving DNA to the Next Level” by Amelia Bennett**

Mia (Amelia) provides information on more advanced tools and techniques for analysing your DNA results. Covering chromosome browsers, clustering, triangulation and X-DNA. Mia takes your use of DNA for family history to the next level!

We welcome Mia back to show her interest in using DNA to solve genealogical mysteries. Mia has been researching her family history for over 25 years. She is a Trustee of the SoG and an associate of AGRA. Currently studying at the IGHS, writing and giving talks at events such as Family Tree Live.

### **Tuesday 17th May 2022 - “Mummy What Did You Do in The Great War?” by Emma Jolly**

Emma's talk is an exploration of women's roles in the First World War, and the surviving records, including online resources, which family historians can use to explore the lives of their ancestors and others. The presentation will cover auxiliary services, medical roles, transport, police, women on the land and voluntary organisations. Emma takes her talk from her book "My Ancestor was a Woman at War"

Emma Jolly is a graduate of IGHS and member of AGRA, FIBIS, SoG and London Historians. Based in Edinburgh, Emma specialises in genealogy

problem solving, London history, women's history, the British in India and Scottish family history. She has written five books on different aspects of genealogical research, and a regular contributor to family history Publications.

*Sue and Pete Redfearn, Programme Secretary*

## Meetings in Retrospect

*Angie Parker-Harris*

### **Tuesday 18 January 2022 - Introducing the 1921 Census of England and Wales by Myko Clelland**

Myko Clelland is a genealogist, spokesperson & regional licensing manager for Findmypast, and he regularly discusses family history on television, radio, online & in print. Based in Edinburgh, he set the scene for the first Census since the Great War, indicating how the world was at that time back in June 2021 when there was a world coming out of a global pandemic with national protests and both civil and industrial strife. Parts of the UK were on the brink of independence.



Census Day 1921 was pushed back to 19 June 1921 due to widespread industrial unrest including transport workers, railwaymen and miners planned for 15 April. As the census was held in the summer, the holiday season would have impacted the location of many people who would be found at the seaside rather than their usual abode. So if you cannot find your ancestor on the 1921 Census in their

usual location, do try traditional holiday resorts.

**Who is included?** Not just the inhabitants of England & Wales, but also those of the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands; members of the Armed Forces wherever in the world they were stationed, with the exception of

Scotland; Merchant Navy and fishing vessels that were either in port on Census Night or returned in the few days following; visitors, tourists, and people in transit.

**Who is not included?** Anyone who was not within the territory on Census Night (except as noted above); many people who were homeless or had no fixed abode; anyone who objected to the census and avoided being enumerated

As well as being able to view records on FindMyPast for a fee, the Census is also available to view at no cost at the National Archives plus at the National Library of Wales and Manchester Central Library. The 1921 Census is likely to be the last to be revealed in our lifetimes – the 1931 census was destroyed by fire in 1943 and no census was taken in 1941 due to the War. The 1951 census will be released on 1 Jan 2052.



To get the most out of the 1921 Census, Myko recommended the following:

1. To search by address, employer and occupation, or even by other household members
2. To utilize the hover-over preview that indicates other names in the household
3. Use a wildcard search if struggling to find ancestors

Myko reviewed many really useful facts about this Census and ways to maximise our research experience – all of which can be found by using the advanced search option, including precise occupation, name of business owner. Did you know that a number of pets appeared in the census on the forms which were completed by the head of the household so includes lots of personalisation, including doodles, notes, political messages etc.

*Angie Parker-Harris, Journal Editor*

# Mary Ann Spicer (1868 to 1953)

*Shirley Robinson*

It came as a big surprise in early December 2021 when I had a message sent to me through Ancestry asking me if the Mary Ann SPICER (1868-1953) in my family tree was a relative. 'Richard in Dorset' had contacted me as his cousin, who acquired old books, had a Victorian notebook in his possession which had her name in it and he wanted to re-unite it with a family member. Richard was the 'detective' who went looking on Ancestry for possible relations and luckily for me I had put a basic Tree on the website at the beginning of the pandemic which meant he was able to make contact.

I responded to Richard, and subsequently his cousin David, by email to obtain more information to ensure that the Mary Ann he was referring to and the book he had were genuine – one can't be too careful these days – and to my delight everything was as it should be.



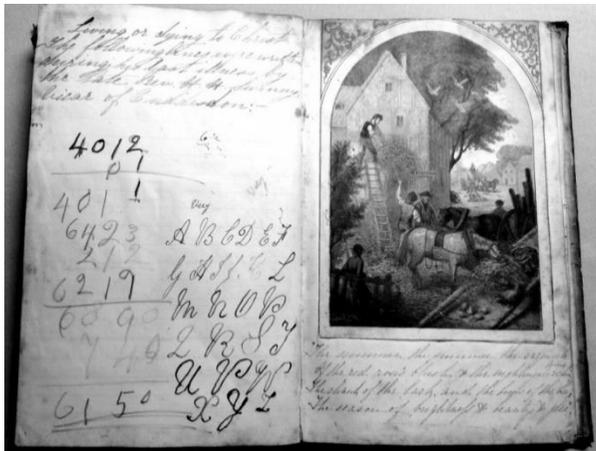
Mary Ann Spicer was not just any relative, she was my great grandmother who was born and lived as a child in Coombe Bissett just over the Dorset border in Wiltshire, and who married my great grandfather George FROUD who came from the Dorset village of Woodlands where

they then lived and where all my family was brought up.

The Victorian notebook David had acquired at an auction had 120 pages, most of it containing poetry and prose beautifully handwritten using an ink pen written out by Mary Ann's mother, also called Mary Ann (my great great grandmother born in 1834), interspersed with pressed flowers, illustrations and pictures cut out and stuck in amongst the writing. Mary Ann (senior) had copied out texts that were typically Victorian, some containing Biblical references, rules to follow in life and echoes of sadness in one particular poem entitled 'Little Jim' about a

family's anguish as they watched their unwell baby son die. I revisited my family tree and noticed that in the 1911 Census it showed Mary Ann (senior) had given birth to ten children, five of whom had not lived. In my family history research, which I have been doing for over forty years, I found that a male and a female child were unnamed in the Birth register, so presumably died at birth or soon after. However, she also lost three daughters, her eldest in 1855 aged 5 years, and then sandwiched between my great grandmother Mary Ann (junior), one daughter aged 11 dying in 1875 and another aged 12 in 1882. It gave an insight into the choice of some of the written poetry she had chosen to put in the book. Mary Ann (senior) had not signed her name in the book, but had dated some of the poetry she had copied out, the earliest being in 1856.

The reason Richard's research led to me was because Mary Ann (junior) had obviously been allowed - or maybe not - to fill in the pages her mother had left blank whilst a child, and in doing so had signed her name in one place where she was practising writing a letter to her aunt and uncle, giving her location and dating it 3rd December 1880. Her younger sister Elizabeth had also written her name and where she lived on another page. The children had obviously used the book to practise their letters, their maths sums and poetry they enjoyed, so there are a number of different handwriting styles some of which is very childlike but charming.



How David got hold of this gem is really a mystery as he thinks he obtained it at an auction either in Dorchester or Crewkerne. All I can think is that the book remained in Coombe Bissett with Mary Ann (senior) and was passed down to her daughter Elizabeth who lived in a thatched cottage in the village near my great great grandparents. Elizabeth had only one child, a daughter who I remember well as she used to make my sister and I matching dresses when we were children especially for Whitsunday when we always had a new outfit for Sunday School/Chapel. Ethel the seamstress lived in her parents' house at Coombe Bissett and was my grandad's cousin. She had no children so when she died in 1999 I can only assume her house contents were part of a house clearance and the book got 'lost' for over twenty years until last December.

As a result of Richard getting in contact with me, and several emails to him and David, I was able to go and collect it from his house in Dorchester in mid-December and I acquired an amazing Christmas present! I have showed it to my mum who is 91 and residing in a care home, and there are 4 grandchildren still alive who I will endeavour to show or let know what I have in my possession. At the moment I have taken images of all the pages so I can write out the contents as some of the writing is hard to read, but also as some of the pressed flowers are very fragile and I want to preserve the book as best I can.

I discovered that Richard is a member of DFHS, so hopefully he will read this and know how much his detection work has meant to me. Life can be full of big surprises!

*Shirley Robinson, Treetops volunteer,  
DFHS Committee member, DFHS Publicity Officer*

# Using Zoom: Online Family History Fairs

*Anna Ward*



Since November 2020, four volunteers have been assisting with Online Family History Fairs.

The first one was Family History Federation: The Really Useful Family History Show (RUFHS) online on 14th November using Slack. Followed by 10th April and 12<sup>th</sup> to 13th November 2021 using Zoom.

On 2nd October, the Oxford Family History Society held their first online conference using Zoom.

Training was given to use Slack and Zoom, covering how to use the chat facility to speak with visitors to our Zoom booth. Also, how to use a breakout room to chat 1 to 1

***We need more volunteers.***

Do you already use Zoom?

Are you relatively confident?

Enthusiastic and willing to try new things?

Want to Learn new IT skills? Be part of a team?

Why not consider joining our team of volunteers at the next Really Useful Family History Show on **11<sup>th</sup> and 12th November 2022**

You can choose to assist on one or both days at various sessions throughout the day, according to availability. Give it a go. An appeal for volunteers will go out in the September Journal.

Please contact Anna for more details – email <ward.anna@gmail.com>

*Anna Ward, Fairs Co-ordinator*

## **Virtual Research via Zoom/Telephone**

*Debbie Winter*

DFHS are pleased to announce the opportunity for you to discuss your research and seek some assistance from one of our research volunteers by either Zoom or telephone. While we continue to live under Covid-19 restrictions, Treetops research centre has remained closed. Our volunteers, working from home, will be able to discuss your research with you and use our digital resources to help you move forward.

Zoom or telephone sessions, lasting up to a maximum of 1 hour are offered on a 1 to 1 basis.

To take part: Book your Zoom chat or telephone call in advance by using the Email form on Contact Us and choosing Enquiries from the dropdown list. A fee of £3 per session is payable via our online shop. This facility will stay in place until Government guidelines allow us to open Treetops safely to welcome you back in person.

Please note that this is not a replacement for our research service.

*Debbie Winter, Librarian*

# Surname Interests

Alan Mead



Some Members are willing to share their research with others who may be researching the same Surname.

The Society maintains a database of those Surnames, which can be searched by anyone who visits the Surname Interests page on the Society's website. Members can check which Surnames they have registered by entering their Membership number in the Search box on that page. The Surnames are also included in the database of surnames being researched by members of other Family History Societies on the Family History Federation's website

[<https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>](https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/).

The following Surnames have been registered since the last Journal.

## Mem

#	Surname	Place	County	Dates
5344	ANNING	All	All	All
5345	ATKINS	Poole	DOR	1760 - 1800
5345	BAILEY	Poole	DOR	1790 - 1800
5004	BARTLETT	Canford Magna	DOR	Any
5004	BARTLETT	Christchurch	DOR	Any
5004	BARTLETT	Kinson	DOR	Any
5356	BUTLER	Birmingham	WAR	1900
5325	CHEER	Charlbury	OXF	1900
5351	CHURCHILL	Sopley	DOR	1800 / 1900
5351	CHURCHILL	Langton Matravers	DOR	1800s
5351	CHURCHILL	Compton Vallence	DOR	1800s
5337	CLOTHIER	North Cadbury	SOM	1771 +
5325	COTTERELL	Ipsden	BRK	1900

5356	CROSS	Birmingham	STS	1700 - 1800
5351	DEVENISH	Sydling St Nicholas	DOR	1800s
5351	DEVENISH	Wimborne	DOR	1800s
5325	DODGE	Sherbourne	DOR	1808
5337	DOWDING	Gillingham	DOR	1815
5337	DYKE	Wincanton	SOM	1770 +
5351	FARRELL	Sopley	DOR	1800s
5004	FIGES	Any	HAM	Any
5351	FLETCHER	Wimborne	DOR	1800s
5351	FLETCHER	Sopley	DOR	1800s
5343	GAPPER	Wootton Fitzpaine	DOR	1700 - 1824
5337	GATEHOUSE	Stalbridge	DOR	1851 +
5360	HARRIS	Any	DOR	1758
5325	HAYWARD	Sherbourne	DOR	1808
5325	HAYWARD	Ipsden	BRK	1800
5345	HESCROFF	Poole	DOR	1730 - 1870
5345	HESCROFT	Poole	DOR	1730 - 1870
5337	IRESON	Ansley	WAR	1687 - 1767
5004	KNELLER	Any	HAM	Any
5004	KNELLER	Any	DOR	Any
5356	MIDDLETON	Southampton	HAM	1800 - 1900
5343	MILLER	Wootton Fitzpaine	DOR	1700 - 1821
5337	MORRIS	Bridport	DOR	1813 +
5337	MORRISH	West Monkton	SOM	1757 +
		Preston / Sutton		
5351	NOTLEY	Poyntz	DOR	1800s
5004	OVER	Minstead	HAM	Any
5343	PAULL	Wootton Fitzpaine	DOR	1700 - 1821
5345	PEARCE	Lyndhurst	HAM	1810 - 1875
5356	PHILPS	Minstead	HAM	1900
5337	PITMAN	North Cadbury	SOM	1541 +
5360	RANDALL	Poole	DOR	1788
5360	RANDALL	Poole	DOR	1820
5345	ROSE	Southampton	HAM	1800 - 1880
5343	SEYMOUR	Stoke Abbot	DOR	1750 - 1828
5325	SIMONS	Charlbury	OXF	1914
5359	SWAFFIELD	Shipton Gorge	DOR	1600+

5345	TILSED	Poole	DOR	1700 - 1800
5345	TURNER	Chiswick	MDX	1830 - 1850
5345	TURNER	Brentford	MDX	1850 - 1900
5345	TURNER	Wandsworth	LND	1860 - 1900
5339	ZEBEDEE	Any	DOR	Any

Contact details of any Member researching Surnames on the database can be obtained by completing the request form in the Members' Area on the Society's website.

A form to register, or update, your Surname Interests is also available in the Members' Area. New details will be added to, or replace any already registered in, the databases and published in the next Journal. Minor changes, such as revised place or dates, will be updated in the databases but not published in the Journal. Interests of those who do not renew their membership will be deleted from the databases.

Members without Internet access should write to Treetops.

## *Alan Mead, Surname Interests*

### Letters to the Editor

**Dear Editor,**

I have just found the website

<<http://www.hawkesbury.net.au/claimaconvict/index.php>>

with the Claim-a-Convict section which is fully searchable, both by family name or alias, or by the ship so is very easy to use. I wonder if you could consider including the details in the next Journal edition as am sure other members are unaware of it and would find it helpful.

Regards, Richard Smith - member No. 4231



**Dear Editor,**

My family history research over the Christmas holidays uncovered a connection with several distinguished 19th century residents of Poole; shipbuilders and ship-owners Thomas WANHILL (mayor of Poole on 3 occasions) and James MANLAWS WANHILL, and also Francis Timewell ROGERS (also a mayor of Poole). All 3 were sons-in-law of my 2 x Great Grandfather, George WELLER. They were credited with building 3 of the yachts that competed in the very first Americas Cup in 1851.

Another son-in-law was John ADEY, but I suspect that the John Adey who was mayor of Poole was not this John Adey but his father.

I would be very interested to discover whether anyone else has links to shipbuilding in Poole in 19th century, in particular the Manlaws brothers.

Regards, Ryan Weller, email <ryanvweller@aol.com>

**Dear Editor,**

As a new member of the Society, I was interested to read the article in the December Journal by Lorraine Squires about Poole Quay pubs as my 3x great grandfather was innkeeper of The Jolly Sailor during the 19th century. I immediately ordered the book referred to, A Pint of Good Poole Ale, but although the pub is mentioned, great grandfather is not. Thomas HESCROFT, born about 1796, married Sarah BAILEY in 1816 and they had 8 children, one of whom was my 2x great grandmother. In 1841 he described himself as a mariner, but by 1851 he was a coal meter – at the docks perhaps? In 1855 he appears in Kelly's directory as innkeeper of the Jolly Sailor, and is also still a coal meter. He appears in Kelly's again in 1859, but is no longer a coal meter. In the 1861 census he is a Licenced Victualler at the Jolly Sailor, and his widowed daughter Ann Stokes TURNER, nee Hescroff (sic) is living there with her 4 children. Thomas is finally mentioned in Harrods Directory in 1865 again as Licensed Victualler at the Jolly Sailor. On 4 September 1867 Thomas died at the Jolly Sailor, aged 72. Probate was granted in 1871 to John Bailey

Hescroff, his only son. John seems to have taken over the licence as he is in Kelly's as the licensee in 1875.

Regards, Sheila Savage - Member No. 5345

**Dear Editor,**

I am a member of the HGS (Portsmouth Group). I have a photograph which I believe was taken at Bournemouth or Poole c 1925. The group of individuals are outside a St John's Ambulance Station. The building has a top level balcony and a bow front entrance. The sign St John's Ambulance. Ambulance Station is clearly visible. In the back ground is a triangular flag W&B R.C. I am trying to identify the location and any individual in the group of both adults and children. I would be very pleased for your help and advice pursuant of my research.

Family names of interest are: Reynolds and Foxley, possibly Harrington.



Regards, R C Mortlock <robertcmortlock@gmail.com>

**Dear Editor,**

Some time ago the Castlemaine Historical Society Inc received a large plastic crate of archival material of unknown origin. Many of the items do not relate to our area and in fact many of them are of overseas origin including the UK.



Amongst the 'collection' were a number of pages which would appear to have come from a single or several photographic albums. Based on the dates on

a number of the pages or under some of the photographs they would appear to have been taken in the first decade of 1900.



Amongst the collection are a number of photographs that appear to come from the Dorset County which we have forwarded PDF copies to you via email.



Yours sincerely, Alleyne Hockley, Archivist CHSI

*(ED: Image locations include East Coker House, Chedington Court, Ramisham Manor, and West Coker House, including the Cattistock Hunt. Names mentioned include Lady PETO, Miss CHURCHILL, Mrs Lionel TRAFFORD, Major FAGAN, K MACKENZIE plus Col & Mrs BERKELEY, and more. There are too many images to print them all here, so please contact me if you would like to me to forward via email any images/names/locations.*



## Membership News

*Anne Maclachlan*

Gosh, already it is time for my second Membership News and I am pleased to say I am settling into my new role. There have been a couple

of errors (I'm only human) but I hope the majority of you have found your renewal has gone smoothly. There are a few who have not renewed and the reminders have gone out and jogged a few memories and we thank you for your continued support.

This last quarter we had quite a few new members to the Society as listed below and of course we extend a very warm welcome to them. If you are interested in contacting any of them, you can contact us via the website at <<https://www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/contact-us/>>.

Now that Treetops is open, details can be obtained there also.

5244	Mrs	Rosemary	Wallis	Kings Langley	Hertfordshire	
5348	Mr	Alan	Arnold	Amaroo	Australian Capital Territory	AUSTRALIA
5349	Ms	Sheila	Astill	Nottingham		
5350	Ms	Karen	Rose		New South Wales	AUSTRALIA
5351	Ms	Cynthia	Hunt	Weymouth	Dorset	
5352	Mr	Robert	Dean	Wareham	Dorset	
5353	Ms	Carol	Atkinson	Tonbridge	Kent	
5354	Ms	Hilary	Gadsby	Colwyn Bay	Conwy	
5355	Mr	George	Tomkins	Christchurch	Dorset	
5356	Mrs	Sue	Ullyett	Broadstone	Dorset	
5357	Ms	Leanne	Peake	Exmouth	Devon	
5358	Mr	Steve	Russell	Dorchester	Dorset	
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I hope everyone is keeping safe and, to those of you who have been unwell, I hope you are on the road to recovery. My best wishes to you all.

*Anne Maclachlan, Membership Secretary*



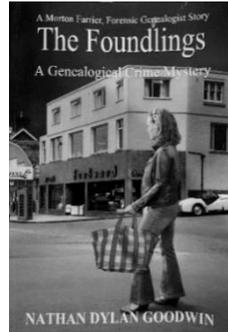
## Books that may interest you

*June Taylor and Richard Yates*

**The Foundlings** by Nathan Dylan Goodwin.

Independently published 258 pages £8.99 paperback

Morton Farrier is back. Six years on from my first review of one of his adventures, here we are again. Morton Farrier, the Forensic Genealogist, is contracted to identify the biological mother of three foundlings, one of whom is his half-aunt, who were all found in shop doorways, and have come upon each other by DNA. In reality, most of Morton's time is spent following up his own family connections to this mystery.

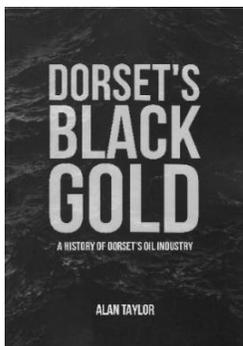


If you are already a fan of Nathan Dylan Goodwin's books, you will not need my encouragement to acquire the ninth in the Forensic Genealogist series. As usual, the action jumps back and forth between the present day and the period from which the mystery is derived, in this case the 70s – familiar to many of us! Morton has only six days to solve the puzzle.

If you have not sampled Morton's cases before, then I advise you to start at the beginning – although all of the series happily stand alone as separate cases, Morton's life and his battle to track down his own family history which led to his adoption, builds from book to book. I confess that I have read all of Nathan's fiction titles, and it was due to picking up one of his books to review at Treetops that I first sampled the world of genealogical fiction. I have no regrets. Nathan's books are published through Amazon, and you will find links to purchase them through his website <[www.nathandylangoodwin.com](http://www.nathandylangoodwin.com)> I can certainly recommend them and would encourage you to think about a purchase – I met Nathan at FTLive a few years ago, and personal reviews are a key when publishing through Amazon.

*Richard Yates*

**Dorset's Black Gold** a history of Dorset's oil industry by Alan Taylor.  
Amberley Press 96 pages £15.99



Have you ever wondered why one of the most rural counties of England should be the home of the largest onshore oilfield in country? If so, this is the book for you as in it, Alan Taylor reveals the history of Dorset's oil industry from the 1850's and the first attempts to extract oil and gas from the shale at Kimmeridge to Wytch Farm and other oil fields still producing oil today.

Access to databases held by H M Government's Oil & Gas Authority has enabled him to produce a set of unique maps and diagrams. Also illustrating the well written text are many photographs. Packed with interesting facts and stories, this is the book for anyone interested in Dorset's industrial history or has an ancestor who worked in the oil industry.

*June Taylor, Sales Co-ordinator*

## Save the date!!

As part of our plans to start to get back to a new 'normal', we are in the early stages of planning a Family History Day at St George's Church Hall, Oakdale, Poole on Saturday 23rd April 2022 from 10.00 to 15.00.

Although it will be a smaller event than those previously held at Parkstone Grammar School we are working on something just as interesting! We will release more information on our website as plans progress.

# Tyneham and Imber: Two lost villages where time stopped in 1943

*Richard Smith*

Tyneham is a gem - far from any busy roads - a lost village near the Purbeck coast of Dorset, hidden from view in a beautiful valley, once the site of an imposing Elizabethan manor house and what was once a busy community of farmers and fisher folk, with the odd bit of smuggling going as well. Evidence of occupation there goes back to the Bronze and Iron Ages.

The estate and village had been in the ownership and thoughtful care of the Bond family of Tyneham House through generations ever since Nathaniel BOND of Lutton, Dorset bought



the estate from the WILLIAMS family of Herringston in 1683. Later, three members of the BOND family were successive Rectors of Tyneham church from 1742 to 1889 - a total of 147 years.

Tyneham was taken over by the Ministry of Defence in November 1943 at just 28 days' notice, with the verbal promise that residents would be able to move back after the war. This moving notice was pinned to the church door by the last residents to leave.

*"Please treat this church and our houses with care. We have given up our homes, where many have lived for generations, to help to win the war to make men free. We will return one day, and thank you for*

*treating the village kindly* “. Just like at Imber in Wiltshire, it has never happened.



Tyneham is still part of an active firing range. When it is open to the public on some weekends and Bank and summer holidays, a visitor can see St Mary's church still well maintained with an exhibition of past village life, and the school room with the student's books all set out as for an early 20th century school lesson, and with their names written by their coat pegs as they go in.



There is a large car park, and lovely flat walk through to the impressive Worbarrow Bay and Tout, and other coastal paths too to

explore. Many once they have visited go back time and again. On the chalk ridge above the sea it is one of very few places that I have seen bee orchids (*Ophrys Apifera*). If you have never been, maybe think about some research, and plan a visit.

Like Tyneham but not so accessible is Imber in Wiltshire, another isolated village on Salisbury Plain whose residents were evicted by the Ministry of Defence in November 1943 after notice of 47 days to facilitate Army and US training for D Day, the invasion of Europe. Imber is just part of a far larger training area covering in excess of 100,000 acres or 160 square miles over large parts of Salisbury Plain, and like Tyneham, evidence of occupation goes back to the Bronze and Iron Ages. The once thriving communities of both Tyneham and Imber are now just ghost shells of what they used to be to the families who lived there, many for generation after generation. People may have heard of Imber, not so many have been able to visit it.

It was at Imber on 13th April 1942 that a dreadful tragedy occurred which I am certain had an impact on some families in Dorset at the time. It was planned to give a live firing demonstration in front of Prime Minister Winston CHURCHILL, U.S. General George MARSHALL (Chief of Staff of the U.S. Army) and other high ranking officers. The purpose was to demonstrate up to date tactical use and capabilities of fighter aircraft to effect low level surprise to attack and destroy ground targets such as trains, tanks and lorries etc. thought to be vital for D Day and beyond. Before that happened a dress rehearsal was arranged in front of assorted invited military personnel.

The weather for the day of the dress rehearsal was recorded as partly cloudy, with some haze affecting viewing looking into the sun, but not so bad that flying had to be cancelled.

On Imber Ranges and away from the village were the targets of assorted old vehicles, mock tanks and dummy soldiers. Taking part were six Supermarine Spitfires of 234 Squadron RAF and six Hurricane Mark IIB's of 175 Squadron RAF - the latter Squadron had only been formed in

March 1942 as a new ground attack squadron at Warmwell in Dorset.



The plan that day was for the Spitfires to lead, flying through without firing, and the Hurricanes to follow up demonstrating their fire power.

Everything went well until it was the turn of the final Hurricane who, as the pilot reported later, had lost sight of the preceding Hurricane, and got disorientated by the glare from the haze looking at the sun. Instead of firing at the targets, he fired at what he thought were dummy people and part of the targets. Sadly, they were the spectators that he fired upon, seated 400 yards from the nearest targets, of whom 27 were killed and a further 69 injured.

THE INQUESTS - the War Office and Ministry of Defence issued a brief statement admitting an “unfortunate accident, giving incorrect casualty details” . A Court of Enquiry found the tragedy was caused by “pilot error by an inexperienced ground attack pilot, partly owing to the haze affecting visibility that day, resulting in an error of judgement by the pilot. “ A Court Martial was held on 19th April - the 175 Squadron records do not post the verdict, but the pilot was allowed to continue to fly operational sorties - he was highly thought of at his Squadron, and the RAF needed every able bodied pilot at that time.

A separate Public Inquest was held at Warminster on 26th April 1942 attended by the pilot and his Commanding Officer - the verdict of that was "Deaths by misadventure".

The pilot was Flight Sergeant William John Andrew McLACHLAN RCAF aged just 20. He had been born on 15th October 1921 son of Hugh McLachlan in Spokane, Washington State U.S.A. but with his parents had moved to Canada when very young. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force on 25th October 1940 aged 19, and learnt to fly in Canada, graduating, and was posted to England where he joined the RAF on 14th September 1941 - his service no. was R 74892. After further operational training he was posted first to 245 Squadron on 15th March 1942, but then joined 175 Squadron at Warmwell, Dorset on 20th March 1942.

After the accident William continued flying - at 02. 30 am on 28th June 1942 he took off in Hurricane BE484 with Flight Sergeant PETERS to attack shipping reported to be near Cherbourg off the French coast. A minesweeper was blown up but tragically William was shot down by heavy anti-aircraft gun fire and lost. The Squadron log records that "He will be very much missed - his keenness was an inspiration to all his fellow pilots".

Twenty-three officers and servicemen died at Imber on that day, and four further officers died in the next few days from their injuries. It has not proved possible to find records regarding the names of the 69 other casualties who were injured, or how badly.

The demonstration in front of Winston Churchill and other guests went ahead as planned and without incident three days later, no doubt involving a very detailed briefing to the relevant pilots.

My story is dedicated to those who sadly died in the incident that day - they were -



Cpl Charles V N BLACKMAN (aged 35), Capt. Maxwell BROWN (33), Lt. Gerald G CATES (44), Bdr. William G CONNELLY (26), Major George B DAVIES (58), Major Adrian J FITZGERALD (27), 2nd Lt. Colin G HAMILTON (32), Lt. John C HAWKES (28), L / Bdr. David C HODGE (30), Lt William L Hodge (27), Dvr. Charles H KENT (35), 2nd Lt. Ronald B LIPMAN (30), Capt. Peregrine M B MATSON M.C. (23), 2nd Lt. Kenneth R MATTEY (41), L / Bdr. Ivor MCNEILL (25), Fuslr. Francis V L PARRY (24), Lt. Henry E PHILLIPS (51), 2nd Lt. James C POOLE (21), Capt. George R G ROBERTS (27), 2nd Lt. Henry W C ROBSON C.I.E., O.B.E. (55), Sgt. Alfred G SMITH (38), Brigadier Robert A G TAYLOR O.B.E., M.C. (45), Cpl. Ernest TRAVERS (23), Lt. Leonard G TUNBRIDGE (25), Capt. James R WEST M.C. (47), Capt. Frederick J WILLY (55), Lt. Ralph P F WILSON (31).

Lt. William Hodge was born in Glasgow, but is buried at Bournemouth cemetery, Capt. Peregrine Matson M.C. was born in India to Lt. Col. John Matson O.B.E. and his wife Sylvia and was buried in Shaftesbury Borough Cemetery, Capt. James West M.C. was born in Alton, Hants. and is commemorated at Weymouth Crematorium. Capt. Frederick Willy was born in Poplar, Middlesex. married at Parkstone to Gertrude Alice DYATT and is also buried in the cemetery at Parkstone.

However, I am certain there would have been other unnamed casualties injured in this tragedy affecting families from across Dorset back in 1943.

*Richard Smith, Member 4231*

*ED: If you would like more details on the casualties mentioned in this article, please contact Richard directly at email- <orchidgrower@btinternet.com>*



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*Angie Parker-Harris,  
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## Dorset in the News

*Howard Lambert*



### ***Jopson's Coventry Mercury 16 March 1761 "Poisoned Tea"***

On Saturday last a remarkable incident happened at Mr. H. STRICKLAND'S at Chadwell Farm, near Corfe Castle in Dorset ; as he and his family, consisting of a wife and five children were drinking tea in the afternoon, he observed, after drinking two or three dishes, that the Tea looked of a darker colour than usual and had no flavour in it, upon which, after various surmises of what could be the reason, the kettle was examined, wherein to their great astonishment, they found a large Toad, boiled to that degree that the legs were separated from the body ; upon this alarming circumstance, they all seemed greatly indisposed, concluding themselves poisoned, and sent directly for a Apothecary, who very prudently gave each of them a large dose of Sallard Oil, which both purged and vomited them plentifully, and they all now seem out of danger.

### ***The Northampton Mercury 19 December 1763 "The Great Mr. Benjamin Bower"***

Tuesday, the 29th. ult., died at his house at Holt, near Winburn, Dorset [sic], the great Mr. Benjamin BOWER, so called from his enormous size,

which it's supposed he exceeded any man in England since the great BRIGHT, of Malden, in Essex, who weighing 43 st. and a half, was 9 st. 3lb. heavier than Mr. Bower, who weighed only 34 st. 4 lb. Notwithstanding his amazing bulk, he was a lively, active man, and travelled to and from London in a Stage-Coach, but a few days before his death, which was occasioned, so we hear, by his drinking a gallon of Cyder at an Inn on the Road to keep off a fit of the Gout, which he apprehended as coming upon him. So large was his Corpse, that part of the wall of the room where he died was obliged to be taken down to get it out, and no Hearse being wide enough to admit the Coffin, it was placed on the Carriage in the room of the Hearse, which was taken off, and so carried to the place of Interment.

## News from Dorset History Centre

*Sam Johnston - Service Manager for Archives*

A (late) Happy New Year from all at Dorset History Centre. Looking back on 2021, DHC continued to open its doors to visitors whenever government regulations allowed us to whilst behind the scenes, we were as busy as ever working to acquire and preserve paper and digital archives. Whilst physical visits to DHC were necessarily reduced, the volume of remote enquiries rose significantly. We have produced a one-page summary of our activities during 2021 which can be viewed on the website:

<https://news.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/dorset-history-centre-blog/review-of-the-year/>

We were really pleased to hear in late November that the service had been granted nearly £15,000 by the National Manuscripts Conservation Trust for our conservator to work on the archives of the 'Dorset Authors' – Thomas HARDY, William BARNES and Sylvia TOWNSEND WARNER. This will mean that important items including the manuscript copy of *The Mayor of Casterbridge* will be rendered fit for display and will be seen in museum galleries in Dorset and Wiltshire later in 2022.

We'd like to share one of DHC's many and varied blogs (all available online). Written by keen family historian Michael Pitfield, it will undoubtedly chime with many DFHS members and their various research activities.

### **The Pitfield Family of Dorset**

For some 50 years, my distant cousin Hugh PITFIELD and I have been researching our Pitfield genealogy. We have amassed a huge amount of data and many detailed profiles of family members and the relationships. Hugh has published the genealogy in a (free) indexed file of some 160 pages that can be consulted online and/or downloaded at <[www.pitfield-family.co.uk](http://www.pitfield-family.co.uk)>. The Dorset History Centre has a copy.

The earliest reference to a Pitfield in Dorset is John Pitfolde\* who is listed in the Tax Returns for the Parish of Allington in 1525 and 1545. His son Robert c1516-1586 was a Yeoman holding extensive lands in the area around Bridport. His Will (1583, proved 1586) is detailed and lists his surviving nine sons, his landholdings and other property.

\*The name Pitfolde gradually became standardized as Pitfield in the 17th century

The sons of Robert Pitfolde by his first wife (name unknown) were Richard, died 1597, George, died 1618, Robert, died 1605, Andrew, died 1586, Thomas, died 1602, John the Elder, died 1629. They also had a daughter Eleanor who married Richard HARRIS alias TUCKER. Robert had further sons by his second wife (Joan) they were Henry, died 1637, John the Younger, died after 1625, Sebastian died 1613.



All of these sons married and had extensive families of their own, thus the Pitfield family in Dorset grew and spread further afield until today the thousands of descendants of Robert can be found all over the world.

In the later 17th century the family was mainly clustered in the villages of West Dorset and some spread into East Devon. As well as Allington, they were in Whitchurch Canonorum, Askerswell, Burton Bradstock, Marshwood in Dorset and Colyton, Bedminster, in Devon. They were mostly farmers and landowners. Some of these properties are still farmed by family members to this day. The Pitfield family must have been wealthy and prominent as John the Younger made a spectacular marriage to Anne Zouche of the noble family. Their son Sir Charles Pitfield became active in the City of London and acquired large areas of Shoreditch and Hoxton. Pitfield Street remains there as a reminder today. Sir Charles's female heirs married into the STURT family of More Crichel and so the estates passed out of the Pitfield family.

*The King's Mercy (Engraving – after Thomas Stothard, British Museum).  
In my possession.*

Sebastian (1570-1613), Robert's youngest son owned a farm called Curtops in Allington and further land in Donhead St Mary, Wiltshire but was also a sea Captain. He assisted in the Battle of Sesimbra (Portugal) in 1602 for which he received a substantial reward from the Treasury.

Sebastian became a family name and can be found as late as the 1940s, Robert's great-great-grandson another Sebastian (1625-1685) fought with Thomas FAIRFAX in the Civil War and was present at the siege of Corfe Castle. He was later an 'intruder' priest at Bishops Candle before settling as a clergyman in Warblington Hampshire where there are ghost stories involving him.

The family continued to expand during the eighteenth century both within England and abroad. Adventurous Pitfields sought their fortunes in the American Colonies, the Caribbean Islands and later Australia. Some of the Americans were Empire Loyalists and moved to Canada during the American Revolution, this group became very wealthy and prominent and remain so in the fields of banking and politics in Canada.

While some family members prospered, others were not so fortunate. Some were transported to Australia for petty theft while one John Pitfield (1733-1811) a debtor of Whitchurch Canonorum, languished for seven years in Dorchester Jail until during a visit King George III paid the debt and instructed he be freed. (See illustration)



*Naval General Service Medal 1847  
(Photo courtesy of Hugh Pitfield)*

With the onset of the Napoleonic Wars, several Pitfields served in the Royal Navy. These included Jacob Pitfield of Symonsbury (b1796) who reached the rank of Lieutenant having seen action in the Mediterranean, the Americas, the Caribbean, Africa, and the home waters, defending Kent.

Jacob's cousin Lieutenant Joseph Edward Chilcott Pitfield (1788-1858) of Buckland Rippers joined the Navy in 1807. In 1809 his ship was captured and he became a prisoner of the French. He bravely escaped and continued to see action. After the end of the war he participated in the Bombardment of Algiers in a joint operation with the United States Navy to free citizens enslaved by the Barbary States. Joseph's service medal awarded in 1847 is in Hugh's possessions and is illustrated.

By the nineteenth century a very large family group had developed in the Symondsburry area. It had extensive landholdings which became the Symondsburry Estate. Key amongst the family was John Pitfield (1770-1838) whose large ledger gravestone can be found, unusually, immediately in front of the principal entrance to Symondsburry Church. The family was very closely integrated into the community of the village with complex marital and land ownership links to other families such as the Symonds, Udals Popes and Ropers. A further very large family group (from which I am descended) grew in Fordington and Dorchester.

With industrialization surpassing agriculture in the latter part of the nineteenth century, members of the Pitfield family, like many others, dispersed further from their Dorset roots. They moved to industrial centres nearby such as Southampton and further afield. Today there are relatively few Pitfields in Dorset but the family has played a crucial part in the development of the County over many centuries.

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