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CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

The AGM held in September had only 17 people attending; whilst it was still holiday time I cannot feel that everyone chose to be away at the same time, the date is always the second Wednesday of September. It was agreed amongst those present that we would have to proceed otherwise no Committee, no Society.

Our October meeting was very interesting given by Jim Cadbury on The Quakers. Valerie has booked a very good programme for the next two years which is great.

Linda, Alan and myself attended Essex FHS Open Day at Galleywood, a very nice day and hopefully we helped some people and also put our name into Essex.

The following Saturday saw us again at The Suffolk FHS Fair held at Suffolk University, again an enjoyable day, and again we hope to reap the benefit of the publicity. Many societies are losing members or their committees are not getting the help they require. Huntingdon is closing at the end of next year, we seem to be the exception at the moment, but if help is not forthcoming we will be in the same boat, apathy seems to be the name of the game, if I keep my head down someone else will do it.

The **Thursday morning help sessions** at Broadway House will be changing to the **4th Thursday** from January: so the dates for January are 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st. This is to give more flexibility for those manning the sessions.

We look forward to seeing those who are coming to the Christmas Dinner at the Orwell Hotel on the 18th January, and to you all A Happy Christmas and New Year.

Gillian Smith
Chairman

Did You know that....a busker originally referred to a travelling hairdresser who worked in the street and did not have his own shop. It later was used as a term for anyone who plied their trade in the street and only later to street entertainers.

EDITOR'S NOTES

Here is the final edition of Roots and Branches for 2018. The Society has generally had a good year, unfortunately numbers have gone down, but the Society is still going, unlike some societies.

The magazine and the Speaker's Meetings remain very popular, and I must congratulate Valerie Humphrey on her booking successes for the programme, well done!

As I mentioned in the previous issue, it is great to see the Members Interest form being used again. It would be lovely if you receive some response to your request that you could let me know.

Thank you too to those members who have sent in an article. It is interesting to hear members' stories, of how they might be struggling to climb over those 'brick walls', we all get them, or even better is to hear of the successes that members have.

There are changes taking place with the help sessions at **Broadway House**, see Chairman's Comments.

I look forward to meeting some of you at the Christmas Dinner in January. May I wish you all A Very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.

Linda Negus
Membership No: 0620



AUDITED ACCOUNTS FOR 2018

FELIXSTOWE FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY MEMBER OF THE FEDERATION OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES REGISTERED CHARITY No. 296115

Statement of funds as at July year end	2018	2017	2016
TSB current Account	£376.41	£2,152.24	£1,448.65
TSB deposit account	£4,261.82	£2,259.93	£569.74
Cash held by Treasurer	£11.08	£28.45	£37.93
Cash held by Publications officer	£6.44	£7.25	£0.00
Total assets	£4,655.75	£4,447.87	£2,056.32
Liabilities (unpresented cheques)	Zero	£50.00	
Income	2017-2018	2016-2017	2016-2017
Membership subscriptions	£1,142.00	£1,397.00	£1,721.00
Sale of Publications	£98.33	£143.59	£102.94
Donations	£25.00	£113.00	£736.34
Grant	£0.00	£400.00	£0.00
Royalties	£119.31	£82.39	£44.35
Speaker Meetings	£549.50	£447.15	£743.50
Christmas / New Year meal	£320.00	£130.00	£0.00
Sale of items from Tree House	£0.00	£25.00	£628.95
Insurance Refund	£0.00	£260.14	£30.35
Gift Aid reclaimed from Inland Revenue	£262.72	£345.35	£424.98
Bank Interest	£1.89	£1.25	£0.14
Total	£2,518.75	£3,344.87	£4,432.55
Expenditure			
Computer equipment	£33.49	£584.28	£0.00
FindMyPast World Seat	£509.38	£470.93	£0.00
Stationery & Postage	£27.40	£163.99	£140.80
Gift (Auditor)	£16.49	£13.98	£9.98
Tree House expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£1,758.93
Committee Expenses	£0.00	£0.00	£20.00
Christmas / New Year meal	£320.00	£130.00	£0.00
Speaker meetings	£691.29	£567.00	£576.00
Website Hosting	£36.56	£36.00	£0.00
Data Protection	£38.60	£35.00	£35.00
Federation of F H Societies	£56.42	£73.34	£74.10
Magazine production	£330.86	£260.40	£317.04
Publications officer	£53.58	£0.00	£0.00
Publicity	£10.00	£0.00	£0.00
Photocopying	£1.80	£47.20	£8.64
Drop-in sessions & open days	£135.00	£50.00	£0.00
Total	£2,260.87	£2,432.12	£2,940.49
Excess of income over expenditure	£257.88	£912.75	£1,492.06

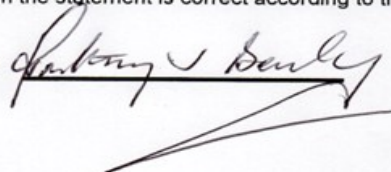
NOTES to the 2017-2018 accounts

All cheques drawn before the year end were presented before the year end

The Tree House having closed, there will be no further income from associated items

I have examined the above statement of accounts together with the books and vouchers relating thereto.
In my opinion the statement is correct according to the books, records and vouchers submitted to me.

Hon. Auditor



Date

31/8/2018

DIARY DATES

12th December, 2018

A Christmas Carol

Mike Wabe

This presentation is a 60-minute adaptation of the famous Christmas story, and will be delivered by none other than Charles Dickens.

9th January 2019

Show and Tell

This is an evening for members and visitors to bring something to 'show and tell'.

13th February 2019

Jane Bradburn

In World War II the people of Felixstowe were on rations and fearful of invasion. But while they were keeping the home fires burning, what were the men who went away to fight for their country doing?

This talk will tell the story of Felixstowe men who served in the 67th Medium Regiment R.A. (T.A.). They fought in the Middle East, were captured by Rommel and ended up as Prisoners of War, some later making daring escapes.

The talk is given by local researcher Jane Bradburn, whose father was a member of the regiment.

13th March, 2019

The Long Shop Museum, Past Present and Future

Stuart Hines

It will cover the story of the Garrett Family from 1778 when they established the engineering company in Leiston, the growth of the firm and also of the community that thrived around it, and leading to its demise and the subsequent museum that emerged.

Monthly Meetings are held at 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month at Broadway House, Orwell Road, Felixstowe IP11 7DD.

Meetings are free for members, but if you wish to bring a guest they will be charged £1.00.

Refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) are available at the end of the meeting.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AGM

Firstly, my apologies for missing the AGM. I haven't much to add to the Chairman's and Membership Secretary's reports. The year has seen once again a decline in membership, but this seems to be happening at many other societies, some have even had to fold but we are nowhere near that as you can see from our Treasurer's report. However, thinking of our future we must try and encourage people to join.

I also was very disappointed in the lack of attendance at our Open Day; besides the helpers who were there the number of visitors was almost in single figures. If you can think of anything we can add to make it more appealing to visitors and members would you please let one of the Committee know, we would like to have another try in 2019.

This year the Committee tried to get a visit together, several ideas were published in the magazine but unfortunately we had no interest in any of them. Again, if there is anywhere members would like to visit please speak to one of the Committee and we will investigate it.

I have continued as Editor of Roots and Branches for another year which I am happy to do so for the present. I am pleased to say that I have had some more articles from members which has been very much appreciated, and also more Members Interest forms have been submitted.

Don't forget that the magazine goes out to other UK societies and also to Australia and Canada, so it is worth submitting your forms, you never know what might come back!

As Gill has mentioned in her report, we will once again be holding a stall at the Suffolk FHS Fair in Ipswich, please come and see us. Other societies also have stalls there who you may find useful in your research. In previous years I have managed to collect information and CDs from Bedfordshire, Huntingdon and also the One Name Society.

I look forward to another good year with the Society.

Linda Negus
Membership No: 0620

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR AGM

I am most upset that I have to miss presenting my first annual report as your Treasurer in person. When you kindly elected me as your Treasurer at last year's A.G.M., I was already committed to being elsewhere on the date of this year's A.G.M. I shall try not to let this happen again.

Jean Voller, my predecessor as Treasurer, has left me a good basis to work on and has provided ample explanations of all the various things that go on behind the scenes. Thank you, Jean. Not only did Jean resign last year, but so did our Auditor. This year's accounts have been audited by Anthony (Tony) Bailey: his appointment was ratified by the Committee at their meeting in May.

You will see that we spent less than we had coming in by a margin of £257.88. A healthy sign. BUT what I think is more important to note is that, after taking the self-funding Christmas / New Year meal out of the picture, the cash we hold is almost two and a half times what we spent during the past year. This is also a good sign, and one which the Charity Commissioners keep an eye on when we submit our accounts to them each year.

The one feature which does cause me some concern is the steady drop in Income from Membership Subscriptions (and the associated Gift Aid). By contrast, we have steadily increased our income from Royalties. Membership fees have remained unchanged for some time, and I hope we can continue to stay that way, but we do need more members for both the financial health of our society and for its general health. Spread the word.

In order to keep the accounts to a single sheet of paper, I have merged some of the categories which might otherwise appear separately, such as the Income from the Speaker Meetings, which combines takings at the door from visitors and the proceeds of the raffle. If anyone wants a breakdown of these or any other figures, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Nicholas Smith - 2018-09-08

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR AGM

In common with many other Family History societies across the country, our membership numbers have decreased over the past few years. This time last year we had 146 members. Since then we have both lost and gained members, and today's total is 125 comprising of 67 single, 28 joint and 2 honorary members.

As a volunteer at Sutton Hoo, with the committee's agreement, I have donated the remaining Tree House books to the National Trust bookshop which were gratefully received.

May I take this opportunity to thank members for their continued support of the monthly raffle at the Speakers Meetings. Any donated prizes are always welcome. Thank you.

Ann Sanderson
Membership No: 1292

**MEDWAY QUEEN
HEROINE OF DUNKIRK**

In conjunction with Felixstowe Museum, we will be having a Speaker from the Medway Queen Preservation Society to tell us more about the Medway Queen "Heroine of Dunkirk". As you may know the Medway Queen has been restored and is on the River Medway at Gillingham, Kent and can be visited.



The Medway Queen is relevant as Felixstowe was one of the places it stopped on pleasure trips.

If any members have postcards of the Medway Queen at Felixstowe or any other memorabilia regarding Felixstowe and the Medway Queen would they kindly send copies to:

Mrs Valerie Humphrey,
68 Orwell Road,
Felixstowe, IP11 7PY Email: Hunterancestry@yahoo.co.uk

OR contact direct:

Medway Queen Preservation Society. Phone: 01634 575717
Gillingham Pier, Pier Approach Road, Gillingham, Kent.
ME7 1RX

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SPEAKERS MEETING - OCTOBER

The Quakers

Jim Cadbury

Our topic this month was completely appropriate, as it was introduced during 'Quaker Week', a UK-wide initiative with the theme being 'Outreach'. Jim Cadbury introduced himself as someone who has been a Quaker for almost all his life; before retiring, he has worked for a Felixstowe shipping company and has also been involved with the mental health charity MIND.

As a Quaker, or member of the Society of Friends, Jim worships at Sunday morning meetings held at the St. John's Ambulance hall in Ataca Road. There are currently fifteen regular attenders. For Quakers, "Worship is silence" to quote Jim's own words. There are four main principles: peace, equality, truth and sustainability, therefore there is no hierarchy and members sit in a circle. Simplicity is paramount, so there are no creeds, dogma or ritual. "God is found in everyone." Nearby will be a vase of flowers, a Bible and useful guidebooks such as 'Quaker Faith and Practice'.

We were shown several posters displaying succinct messages: "In turbulent times...be a Quaker"; "Inspired by faith to build a more peaceful world"; "World peace will come through the will of ordinary people like yourself".

Jim then went on to talk at some length about the history of the Quakers and to mention some prominent and eminent preachers. In the early 17th Century, George Fox, an evangelist and preacher, founded the Quakers in Leicestershire. There were other Non-Conformist groups too, such as Diggers, Levellers and Ranters. These all denounced the hierarchy of the Church, calling themselves 'Friends after the Truth'. In the 1650s, a time of great dissent, some Quakers were brought up before the magistrates and told that they were blasphemers as they didn't believe in tithing. The accused people exhorted the Judge: "Tremble before the Lord!" Whereupon the Judge replied: "You Quakers!" (As Jim said, the name is nothing to do with porridge!) Other names mentioned were James Mailer from Colchester, and William Penn who famously founded Pennsylvania in the U.S.A.

Quakers have been known for their involvement in industry and commercialism, although they were barred from certain professions as they refused to swear an oath to the King. So they moved into professions such as banking, and of course were known for their charitable works, a prime example being Elizabeth Fry, who worked with and trained women inmates in Newgate prison. (I first heard of Elizabeth Fry through a picture story in a 'Girl' Christmas Annual in the 1950s!) William Wilberforce was also mentioned for his anti-slavery stance, as were Quakers in the U.S.A. who helped freed slaves to move out of the southern states via an underground railway.

Ransoms, Colmans of Norwich, Hornimans, Huntley and Palmers of Reading, Clarks, Cadbury, Fry, Rowntree and Bournville were all cited as companies with a Quaker foundation. I found this very interesting as my maternal grandmother worked part-time at Huntley and Palmers, and my brothers and I loved the boxes of broken biscuits she brought with her on every visit!

During questions, somebody asked about Quaker involvement in education. I could answer that! My childhood home in Reading was only minutes away from Leighton Park School and as a teenager I got to know quite a few of the pupils – Saturday night 'hops', school plays and other events saw me there with one pupil or another! Jim himself was a pupil there during this time; it certainly is a small world!

Jim concluded his interesting talk by talking about the Quaker Tapestry, made in the 1970s and 1980s and currently on display in Kendal, Cumbria; and with a little information about past Quakers in Walton and Trimley. I certainly now have a much greater knowledge and understanding of Quakers and their involvement in society and business. Thank you, Jim!

Jennie Roome Membership No: 1312

SPEAKER'S MEETING - NOVEMBER

Living and Dying in the 19th Century: acid in your beer and lead in your sweets

Martin Hedges

There were plenty of ways to die in Victorian England. A great many of them involved eating or drinking stuff that a century before was considered wholesome and good.

With the industrial revolution's magnetic pull for people to come to cities, things changed. Bread, milk, water, beer – you name it and some unscrupulous trader had found a way to bulk it out, 'improve' it, make it look nicer, make it smell less putrid, or in the case of alcohol give you more bang for the price of a pint.

Martin Hedges took the audience through the catalogue of poisons that ended up in almost everything and he told how the gradual growth of public health science finally stopped many of the worst practices.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

Your Society needs a Publicity Officer to join the team. If you think you can help tell the world about our events, please speak to one of the committee and they will be delighted to tell you more about it.

Here is a list of some of the duties involved to give you an idea.

- Prepare notices of forthcoming events
 - Arrange/display on notice boards at:
 - Broadway House
 - Library
 - Community notice boards in supermarkets etc
 - Submit for publication to local magazines
 - Check local magazines to ensure that publicity is printed and is accurate
 - Remind the committee of copy dates for local magazines
 - Liaise with Programme Secretary for details of forthcoming speaker meetings
 - Assist at meeting occasionally by asking visitors how they heard about that evening's event.

Events involved are:

- Speaker meetings
- Drop-in sessions at Broadway House
- Open Days

MEDALS APPEAL

The Federation has received a request from Australia to help reunite medals and discharge papers with the family of a soldier. The collection belonged to Sapper John Galvin No. 552017, 502 Field Company Royal Engineers, who enlisted in the Territorial Army on 20 February 1909 and was discharged at Chatham Base on 1 February 1919.

The medals and papers were bought at auction in Australia. The current owner, an ex-serviceman and military buff, wants to return them to John Galvin's family. He has exhausted all avenues, such as 'help columns' in Australian papers.

Originally the medal group would have consisted of the British War Medal (missing, the collection is a 'broken group'), the Victory Medal and the Territorial Service Medal (the rarest of all the WWI medals).

To qualify for the TSM the soldier had to have been a member of the Territorial Army for not less than 4 years, had volunteered for overseas service within one month of the declaration of war but not arrive on the Western Front until after 1 January 1916. If he arrived before that date he would qualify for the 1914–1915 Star. Territorials were part-time soldiers but had to volunteer for overseas service. Most soldiers who received it were held back in the UK as instructors. The 502 Field Company was a Gas Unit, and would have been given very dangerous and nasty work.

John's discharge papers show that his civilian occupation was a fitter and his date of birth was 1885. If you have any idea who John Galvin was, or how to find his family, please email newsletter@ffhs.org.uk and we will put you in touch with the owner of the collection.

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Did You know that... Borough English was the system of undivided inheritance by which real estate passed intact to the youngest son or, in the absence of sons, to the youngest daughter. This type of inheritance is known as Ultimogeniture, differing from Primogeniture, being inheritance by the eldest son. In parts of Kent you may instead find Gavelkind by which all sons inherited equally.

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THE WING FAMILY

My grandmother was a Hainsworth. I had always know that they were from Market Deeping in Lincolnshire. My ancestor Thomas Hainsworth married Eleanor Mary Rimmington on 19 July 1830 at All Saints, Oakham, Rutland. In fact, to my untutored eye, I read Rimmington as Bunnington. It took a local to explain that there was no such surname as Bunnington, whereas Rimmington was a recognized surname.

What I did not appreciate at that stage was that Eleanor Mary Rimmington's great grandmother Sarah Wing was a member of a remarkable dynasty of mathematical practitioners in the East Midlands.

The best known member of the dynasty was Vincent Wing (1619-1668) who achieved fame as a leading mathematician and astronomer. He was born at North Luffenham, Rutland, where his family had lived for several generations. He was at the centre of an impressive network of scholars and mathematicians stretching from the Midlands to London, Oxford, Cambridge and beyond. His last and most important work, *Astronomia Britannica* (1669) appeared shortly after his death. This was a large-scale Latin treatise on the size, distance and motions of the planets according to the Copernican system. This was the most significant English astronomical work of its time and made a considerable impact in both England and Europe.

Much of Vincent Wing's work was continued by his nephew (and my ancestor) John Wing (1662-1726). In 1693 he published an advanced textbook on Pure and Applied Mathematics, *Heptarchia Mathematica*, aimed at masons, carpenters, glaziers, surveyors, astronomers and diallists. In 1710 he was farming 152 acres at Pickworth, Rutland.

I am also descended from his son Tycho Wing (1696-1750). He was an astronomer and philosopher of Pickworth and Stamford, Lincolnshire. He practised as a surveyor, and boarded pupils to whom he taught mathematics, surveying and navigation. He was Coroner of Rutland 1727-1742. William Stukeley, the antiquary, noted in his diary that he "spent many agreeable hours at Stamford and Ackworth with Tycho Wing and Edmund Weaver, the great Lincolnshire astronomer".

A portrait of Tycho Wing, painted by John Vanderbank in 1731, is in the hall of the Stationers' Company in London. Tycho Wing's wife was Eleanor Peach. It is likely that Eleanor Mary Rimmington was named after her.

Altogether the Wing dynasty flourished for six generations, a remarkable example of sustained achievement. Another branch of the family achieved considerable success as architects in the Eighteenth Century, and were responsible for work on many churches and country houses in Rutland and Leicestershire.

Tycho Wing's son John Wing (1723-1780) was a notable surveyor who served very successfully as agent for the Duke of Bedford's estates at Thorney, Cambridgeshire 1751-1760 and 1764-1780. John Wing's grandson Tycho Wing (1794-1851) took up his duties as the Duke of Bedford's agent in 1817, when he was only 23 years of age. He lived with his family in Thorney's finest house, Abbey House, opposite Thorney Abbey. His wife, Adelaide, was the daughter of George Basevi, a cousin of Benjamin Disraeli. Though based in Brighton (where I was born) Basevi designed the parish church in Eye, the neighbouring village to Thorney, and the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge. Wing was known as "King of the Fens" who, according to the 6th Earl of Bedford in 1833, has "immortalised himself" by his work there.

At Thorney, Wing had reporting to him Samuel Bellamy, Surveyor and Clerk of Works, and John Bradshaw, Overlooker of Drains, Drovers and Plantations. As well as his responsibility for remodelling the village of Thorney, Wing also had substantial duties in relation to the North Level Drainage Board.

The story of the remodelling of the Duke of Bedford's Fenland village of Thorney is told in "*Victorian Thorney*" by Alan Edward Teulon. Tycho Wing never lived to see the final fruits of his considerable efforts in Thorney. He was buried at Thorney Abbey on 2 July 1852. His wife Adelaide (a member of a distinguished Jewish Family who originated in Verona, Italy) died in Tunbridge Wells, aged 89.

Roger Sutton
Membership No.1126

THE SPANISH LADY

On the very day that I made my annual 'flu vaccination appointment, an item caught my eye in the BBC news app. It referred to influenza and made a surprising local connection.

We have all heard about the so-called Spanish influenza which swept across the globe in 1918/1919. At the same time as joyful celebrations were taking place in English streets and market places to mark the end of the Great War, sombre families were burying their loved ones in nearby graveyards. The Spanish Lady has lingered in folk memory and few families were spared: in our case, the victim was a young Dorset schoolmaster. Soldiers returning from the atrocious conditions of the trenches were particularly vulnerable to infection, but this was an unusual and virulent form of 'flu which struck disproportionately at men and women aged between 20 and 40. It was a true pandemic affecting about a fifth of the world's population and is believed to have killed up to 40 million people. Those who survived were prone to suffer from psychosis which sometimes led to suicide and murder; a notorious case involved a Norfolk baker.

An article in the EADT several years ago pointed out that, of the First World War burials in Ipswich Old Cemetery, nearly a quarter are of men who died at the end of 1918 and through 1919. However, there is new research which brings this tragedy even closer to home.

Hannah Mawdsley at the Imperial War Museum is examining nearly two thousand letters and first-hand accounts written by Spanish 'flu survivors. There are, of course, many horrific details, particularly concerning the speed at which the infection struck. She has produced a map of the most affected areas and I was shocked to see a big red dot on Felixstowe: "In places like Leicester, Coventry, Felixstowe and Malmesbury, about 25% of deaths in 1918 were attributed to influenza." The statistics show that out of a total of 134 deaths in Felixstowe in 1918, 38 people were victims of influenza. I have no idea why Felixstowe was a hotspot of infection, but it is a subject to ponder as we commemorate the end of the Great War.

Perhaps FFHS members whose ancestors lived and died here at that time have further information or can do their own research into the strange and sinister ways of the Spanish Lady.

Rachel Travers
Membership number 0820

It is relatively unusual to find a book entirely about one of your ancestral families, but recently I did just that. The book in question is *The Book of Tufton*, which was published in 1800 and appears to have been written by the publisher, who was Robert Pocock of Gravesend. It runs to 156 pages and I bought it from a bookshop in Maidstone.

I have traced two lines of descent from Agnes Tufton, who was born in about 1515 at Northiam, the daughter of Nicholas Tufton and Margaret Hever. At that time the Tufton family were very prosperous, but were still only members of the landed gentry. Their move into the aristocracy began about 400 years ago. John Tufton was knighted on 11 May 1603 and he was made a baronet on 19 June 1611. It was Nicholas Tufton who was created Earl of Thanet on 5 August 1628.

As the Tufton family ascended the social scale they started marrying into the aristocracy. The 1st Earl of Thanet married Lady Frances Cecil, daughter of the 1st Earl of Exeter (1542-1622). Their daughter Mary married Sir Edward Bishop of Parham. Sir Thomas Bishop of Henfield had bought the Parham estate in 1597 and the family remained there until Parham was eventually sold in 1922. Sir Edward Bishop had been knighted by Charles I on 18 December 1625 and was returned as MP for Steyning. But siding with the Royalists during the English Civil War resulted in his imprisonment in Arundel Castle and he had his inheritance sequestered. One person who married into the family many years later was Brigadier Otto Prior-Palmer, who was MP for Worthing after the Second World War.

The Tufton family also married into the other important branch of the Cecil family. On 12 February 1709 Lady Anne Tufton, daughter and co-heiress of the 6th Earl of Thanet, married the 5th Earl of Salisbury. She died on 22 March 1757. The 7th Earl of Salisbury was created 1st Marquess of Salisbury on 18th August 1789.

The most famous member of the Salisbury family was undoubtedly the 3rd Marquess. He was born on 3 February 1830 at Hatfield House, Hertfordshire. In August 1853 the influence of his cousin the Marquess of Exeter saw him returned to Parliament as Conservative member for Stamford, for which he sat for 18 years without a contest. On his father's death on 12 April 1863 he became Marquess of Salisbury. He was Foreign Secretary 1878-80, after which the Conservatives were swept out of office and Salisbury succeeded Disraeli as leader of the Conservative Party. Coincidentally, because I am descended from Tycho Wing of Stamford I am related to Disraeli by marriage; but the Marquess of Salisbury is my blood relative. Between June 1885 and July 1902 he was Prime Minister three times. He died at Hatfield House on 22 August 1903.

The final part of this story takes place entirely within the 20th century. On 21 April 1917 the man who was to become the 10th Duke of Devonshire married Lady Mary Gascoyne-Cecil, daughter of the 4th Marquess of Salisbury. Their eldest son William Cavendish was born on 10 December 1917. He became the Marquess of Hartington and he was of such impeccable lineage that in 1938 he was even mentioned as a possible husband of twelve-year-old Princess Elizabeth, the future Queen. But in 1938 Joseph Kennedy was appointed American Ambassador to the United Kingdom and by the summer the entire Kennedy family had arrived in England. Among the nine Kennedy children was Kathleen, described by *Queen* magazine as "America's Most Important Debutante". At the usual garden party at Buckingham Palace Kathleen Kennedy was introduced to 'Billy' Cavendish, son and heir of the fervently Protestant Duke of Devonshire.

Religion was a bone of contention between the two young people, but they eventually married on 6 May 1944 at Chelsea Register Office. Joe Kennedy junior gave his sister away.

Within a few months tragedy struck both families. In August 1944 Joe Kennedy junior died in action. The following month Billy Cavendish was killed by a German sniper in France. Kathleen eventually became the lover of Lord Fitzwilliam, with whom she was killed in an air crash in France in 1948.

In July 1963 Kathleen's brother President Kennedy stayed at Birch Grove in Sussex with Harold Macmillan, the British Prime Minister. The two men were related. Macmillan had married Lady Dorothy Cavendish, daughter of the 9th Duke of Devonshire. Billy Cavendish was her nephew. In something of a replay of the events of 1944, within a few months both Prime Minister and President were removed from power. Macmillan resigned on grounds of ill health in October 1963; and John F Kennedy was assassinated on 22 November 1963.

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