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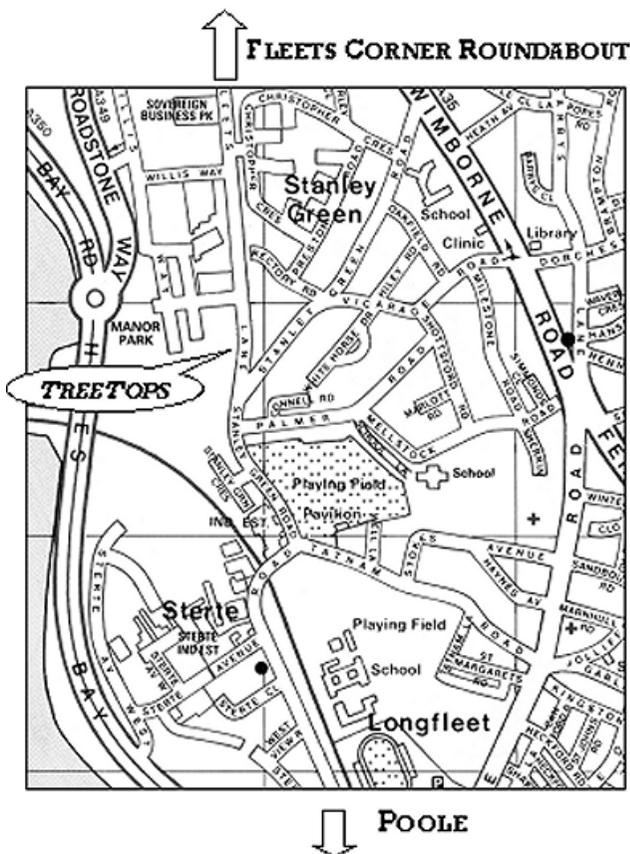
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Cover picture – Thomas (Jim) and Mabel Shearing (nee Simpson), refer to Editor's Address.

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From the Editor's Chair



This year, yours truly ventured 'abroad' into Wales for the family summer holiday. We enjoyed two weeks of exploring nature, taking time out for picnics with glorious views and even caught up with sleep after all that healthy fresh air. This made me wonder if my ancestors ever had a holiday outside of bank holidays and Christmas day. I know my maternal grandparents enjoyed exploring the Dorset and Hampshire countryside on their tandem – please refer to the cover image which shows the two of them about to set off on a summer jaunt for the day. We believe this photograph was taken prior to their marriage in April 1929. But post-marriage, their holidays were generally taken by visiting family in Hampshire, and vice versa.

I would be happy to receive your articles with information on how your ancestors spent their leisure time and holidays. Perhaps you are descended from titled people who ventured abroad, or perhaps your ancestors never moved out of Dorset. Whatever, we love to hear from you.

Talking of explorations of pastures new, please don't forget that we have moved venue for our monthly meetings to be St George's Church Hall, Darby's Lane, Oakdale, Poole, BH15 3EU. Meetings will be on Tuesday evenings from September. See you there!

Angie, Journal Editor

Deadline for December 2019 edition – **15 October 2019**

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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Programme and Speakers

Sue and Pete Redfearn



From 17 September 2019, there will be some changes to our meetings. The new venue will be St George's Church Hall, Darby's Lane, Oakdale, Poole, BH15 3EU.

The meetings will now take place on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, (except August), from 7.30pm – 9.30pm, doors open at 7pm. (Talks normally last up to 1 hour) - These timings have been changed to accommodate the bus timetables.

Admission to monthly meetings: £2.00.

Church Hall



Times of buses to St George's from Poole Bus Station - The walk from Heath Avenue bus stop to St George's is approx. 5mins.

From Poole -

No 4: 7.05pm arriving 7.09pm at Heath Avenue stop.

No 9 7pm arriving Heath Ave 7.04pm

No 5: 7.15pm arriving Oakdale library 7.20pm (but a 10min walk from there)

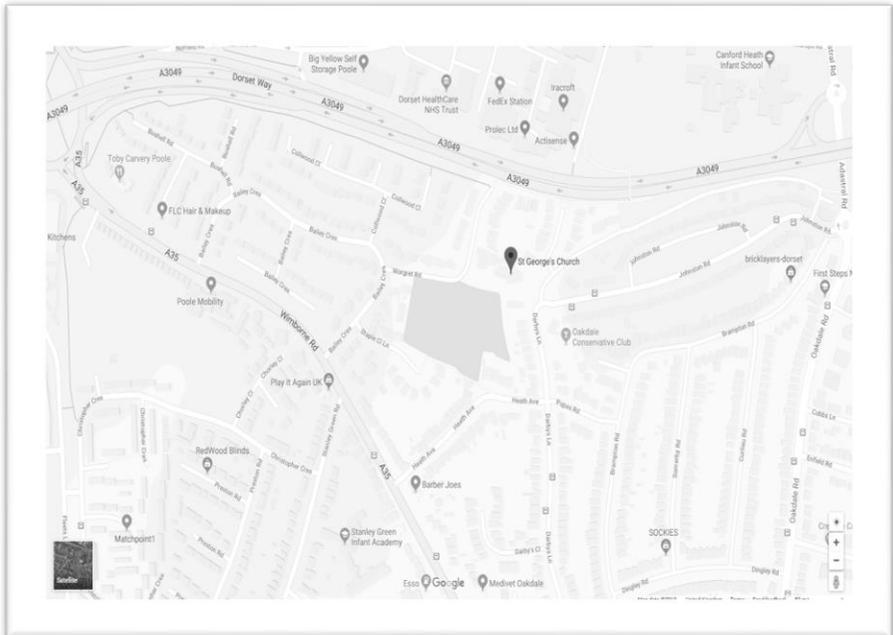
To Poole -

No 4: 8.57pm (or 9.57pm) from Heath Avenue stop, arriving Poole 9.02pm (10.02pm)

No 8: 9pm (or 10pm) from Heath Avenue stop, arriving Poole 9.05pm (10.05pm)

No 5: 8.53pm (or 9.23pm) from Oakdale library, arriving Poole 9pm (9.30pm)

(10 min walk)



Please note that meetings can sometimes be subject to change at short notice. Please check for possible updates on <www.dorsetfhs.org.uk> and on Facebook.

Tuesday 18 September 2019 – the first meeting at our new venue! “Nonconformity (The Road to Toleration)” by Les Mitchinson

Nonconformity is the blanket term given to all non-Anglican Protestant denominations. Brought about by Henry VIII’s breakaway from the Catholic Church in the 16th century, many Roman Catholic and Nonconformist leaders were burnt at the stake. It was in 1689 that the

“Act of Toleration” was introduced which slowly helped to change the acceptance of Nonconformists. From this date more records were kept and Les helps guide us through the sources that can help trace these ancestors.

Les makes a second visit to us this year, bringing his help and tips on another genealogical challenge. Les is a professionally qualified genealogist and runs his own business specialising in courses in family history and genealogy.

Tuesday 1 October 2019 - Bournemouth Centre WALK with our own Anna Ward

Meet by The Pier at 10.30 a.m.

Following her successful walk around Wareham, Anna is taking us around some of central Bournemouth. Starting at the Pier, through the Gardens, to St. Peter’s Churchyard. Then on via the Cenotaph, the Square and Exeter Road, to end by the Royal Bath Hotel and Russell Cotes Museum. On the way she will ask us to collect letter clues to complete -----???

The walk is app. one and half miles taking around two hours. Parking is available by the Royal Bath or opposite by the Pavilion or Bath Hill.

Tuesday 15 October 2019 - “It’s The Way You Tell ‘Em” by our own David Gynes

A light-hearted look at sayings from yours or your parents’ childhood and youth, local or dialect, family-unique, or folklore. This means we will need YOUR participation, so get out your notebooks and bring along your sayings to spark others in to remembering. It will be Interactive fun, with a serious underlying value, in that David believes a family history account can be given depth using sayings or jargon from the “day” in a footnote or explanation.

David has been researching his family history for 46 years on and off and still hasn’t found birth details of his GG Grandad!! A member of several FH Societies over the years as he moved around, he is also a founder

member of the Guild of One Name Studies, teaching and helping others to take up this wonderful hobby. He served as Chairman of DFHS for six years previously and has now been re-elected after a two-year break.

Tuesday 19 November 2019 – please note AGM is moved to Tuesday 26 November

Tuesday 26 November 2019 – AGM followed by “Lest We Forget – Wartime Ancestors Remembered”

We propose to distribute cards at the October meeting to ask members to fill out and bring to the A.G.M., with memories of a wartime ancestor. We are hoping that some of you will be willing to give a short speech (app three minutes or so) regarding the family member, be they military or civilian, and their involvement in either of the World Wars. Linda Adams will also bring her “Poppy Mirror” for display of any photos and memories, to create a “Memory Tree” We hope you will participate.

Tuesday 18 December - “Mr. Selfridge - Fact and Fiction” – a talk by Steve Roberts

We welcome back Steve Roberts, this time he tells the true story of retail entrepreneur Harry Selfridge, telling of his American background, his flagship store, his family, successes and failures. Steve also looks at the TV series and assesses what they got right and what they got wrong. How many of the characters were based on real people? Did Harry Selfridge really build homes fit for heroes at the end of WW1? Did he really have a fall when unveiling the Queen of Time??

Steve lives in Christchurch, originally graduating as a teacher, he later changed career to become an IT Project Manager. In 2012 he came to Christchurch and became a freelance writer, private tutor and public speaker.

Meetings in Retrospect

Sheila Tanner

“The Brick Walls of Missing Deaths” By Simon Wills

On Monday July 8th, 2019 we were delighted to welcome back Simon Wills to talk to us regarding “finding a dead Ancestor”. Simon gave us an overview of reasons that an ancestor could not be found, which included circumstances of death, no certificates available, no parish burial records, the possibility of location of burial in another parish, inmates of asylums or workhouses, living abroad, the wrong name or no entry in a register, or possibly pages were missing from record books.

If an ancestor was lost at sea there would be no corpse. Shipwrecks were often recorded in newspapers, accidents again were recounted in newspapers, and very often some were not even recorded. The Burial of Suicide Act of 1823 disallowed any internment in consecrated ground, until after 1882 when burial was allowed but not until after 9pm.

In newspapers many accounts were recorded in specialist periodical sections, including criminal records, obituaries, inquests, murder and execution accounts, deaths abroad, fire, flood and storm accounts, unusual deaths, disease and epidemics, and occupational journals.

Strategies for the dead

Leads to enquiries

1. London Standard
2. Coroners/local courts, The National Archives (Kings Bench Series)
3. Legal Documents, e.g. Wills. Administrators, court cases/The Old Bailey on line
4. Institutions, Workhouses, Prisons, Asylums, Hospitals
5. Occupations, Military, Ships’ crew lists, Navy,
6. Local employers,
7. Deaths abroad. (Four RG Series) The National Archives
8. Movements. - Deportation, convicts – Queenslanders Australia, Immigration and passenger lists
9. Local memorials

10. Deaths at sea. Passenger lists, Troup ships, Fishermen, Pilots, lifeboats and many more.

Between 1867 – 1871 a record of 7,062 casualties were recorded. Due to shipwrecks, 2,598 ships were lost on the British coast alone. Health issues at sea, included medical hazards of diseases. typhoid, dysentery, scurvy, cholera and yellow fever, to name but a few. Findmypast has a register of deceased seamen.

TROVE, a useful website for Australian records, **Wikipedia** index to online newspapers, **English Heritage**, all useful for research.

Our thanks to Simon for a very interesting talk, giving us a lot of useful information.

Computer Group Meetings at Treetops

Richard Yates



Meetings are held at Treetops on the first Tuesday of each month (except January and August) commencing at 7.30pm. Please use the ground floor level access at the rear of Stanley House. *Meetings can sometimes be subject to change at short notice. Please check for possible updates on <www.dorsetfhs.org.uk> and on Facebook.*

September 3rd – Members' Ancestors

Members are invited to bring along a short introduction to one of their ancestors. If that includes information which can be displayed on the big screen or details of sites that provided information on that ancestor, even better. We will need about five or six to fill the evening, so please don't leave it to everyone else. If we have too many, we will do it again!

October 1st – DNA

Linda Adams will share her experiences of DNA genealogy. Any other members are welcome to contribute, as it will be interesting to see results from different providers.

November 1st – Using the Red Cross Site

We will attempt to access the Red Cross website which holds information about prisoners of war and internees. If anyone wants to look first, <<https://grandeguerre.icrc.org/>> is the First World War site and <<https://vad.redcross.org.uk>> has other UK relevant records.

December 3rd – Christmas Quiz

Last year's winner will provide a light-hearted quiz to see who can set next year's! Please contribute a SMALL offering to the refreshments.

Requests for future subjects, or offers to lead an evening, are always welcome. We have decided that June and I will continue to run the meetings and produce the calendar notes.

Members' Interests

Alan Mead

To help connect Society members who may be researching the same ancestor, Dorset FHS maintains a database of Members' Interests. Members can complete a Members' Interests form to register a maximum of 12 surnames. This form is sent to all new Members as part of the Welcome Pack.

The following new surname Interests have been registered since the last Journal.

Mem	Name	Place	County	Period
5145	AMES	Any	DOR	Pre 19th C
5145	BAGGS	Any	DOR	Pre 18th C
5164	BEER	Kinson	DOR	1871
5164	BUTCHER	Poole	DOR	1830
5164	CAILES	West Moors	DOR	1849
5147	CARD	Wareham	DOR	Any
5164	CRUMPLER	Poole	DOR	1831
5147	CURTIS	Bournemouth	HAM	Any
5147	CURTIS	Yeovil area	SOM	Any
5147	CURTIS	Bournemouth	DOR	Any

5145	DAMEN	Any	DOR	Pre 19th C
5145	DAMON	Any	DOR	Pre 19th C
5147	DEAR	Bournemouth	HAM	Any
5145	DOWELL	Any	DOR	Pre 19th C
5164	FENDLEY	Parkstone	DOR	1867
5145	GALE	Any	DOR	Pre 19th C
5145	HENNING	Any	DOR	Pre 18th C
5145	HOOD	Any	DOR	Pre 18th C
5164	LAMBERT	Clifton	BRISTOL	1890
5164	LUTER	Poole	DOR	1838
5147	MAIDMENT	Bournemouth	DOR	Any
5147	MARSDEN	Bournemouth	HAM	Any
5147	MARSTON	Bournemouth	HAM	Any
5147	MAUGER	Any	ANY	Any
5147	MOGER	Any	ANY	Any
5164	NEWMAN	Kinson	DOR	1873
5164	NIPPARD	Newtown	DOR	1870
5044	OSBORNE	Isle of Wight	HAM	1750 +
5164	PEARCE	Newtown	DOR	1890
5164	RANDELL	Poole	DOR	1828
5147	ROBINSON	Bournemouth	HAM	Any
5145	RUNYARD	Any	DOR	Pre 19th C
5145	SAMSOM	Any	DOR	Pre 19th C
5044	SHUTLER	Poole	DOR	Any
5044	SHUTLER	Gorley, Fordingbridge	HAM	1600 +
5145	SKINNER	Any	DOR	Pre 18th C
5147	SLADE	Poole	DOR	Any
5164	SPENCER	Kinson	DOR	1869
5141	STOKES	Stourton Caundle	DOR	20th C
5141	STOKES	Hawkchurch	DOR	1700s
5141	STOKES	Hawkchurch	DEV	1700s
5161	SWAFFIELD	Any	DOR	Any
5158	WAREHAM	Fontmell Magna	DOR	17th C
5158	WAREHAM	Tarrant Monkton	DOR	18th C

5145	WELLSTEAD	Any	DOR	Pre 18th C
5141	YEATMAN	Sandford Orcas	DOR	Pre 1860s

These names have been added to the full list of registered surnames, which can be searched on the Society's website at www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/members-interests. Contact details can be obtained by following the instructions on that page.

Members can register new, or update existing, surnames they are researching by sending a new form to Treetops. The latest version can be downloaded from the Members' Area at www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/members-area. The details on the new form will replace any already registered. Members without Internet access should contact Treetops during opening hours.

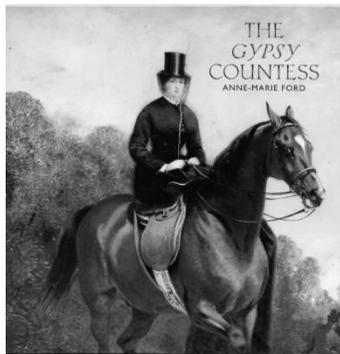
New surname interests will be added to the website and published in the next Journal. Minor changes, such as revised place or dates, will be updated on the website but not published in the Journal. Interests of those who do not renew their membership will be deleted from the website.



Books That May Interest You

Alison Grigg

THE GYPSY COUNTESS by Anne-Marie Ford



This is a most interesting book with the added bonus of a local connection.

The Countess lived in Sturminster Marshall with her gypsy family. After the scandal of her marriage, she seemed to fit almost seamlessly into high society. Her sisters also made good marriages and led entertaining lives. A good read for those interested in social history. Square A4 format, 144 pages, black-and-white illustrations and family trees.



Catholic Family History Society Notice of Annual Day Conference with AGM

Topic: The History of Catholic Families around Birmingham

When: Saturday 21 September 2019 10am - 4pm

Where: The Birmingham Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, Birmingham,
B16 8UE

Speaker: Naomi Johnson BSc, MSc, on Birmingham Diocesan Archives

Speaker: Lawrence Gregory MA on Tracing Cardinal John Newman's
Family History

Tour of the Historic Oratory Church and its treasures

Tickets: £25, to include lunch and refreshments, from Jean Smith, 10
Irving Close, Stockport, SK2 7DX <jeansmith1934@talktalk.net>

Enquiries: <cfhsrecords@gmail.com >

Details <<http://catholicfhs.online>> for updates

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Tracing your Roman Catholic Ancestors

Sylvia Dibbs, Catholic Family History Society

When tracing English and Welsh Roman Catholic ancestors, start as you would with any ancestors. Look through family papers. Then search all the same secular documents as everyone else in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries: wills, the censuses and, after the introduction of civil registration in 1837, the birth, marriage and death registers. Marriage certificates should show if a couple was married in a Catholic Church, then the children may be baptised there too. As with all family history research, finding ancestors is more difficult before civil registration and the national censuses. Again, use all the usual sources such as wills, settlement records and particularly quarter session records. Understanding the history of religious conflict in England helps to locate records of Roman Catholics, which are perhaps more abundant than those of their Anglican neighbours.

People often say that they do not have any Roman Catholics in their family, but England was a Catholic country until the Act of Supremacy (Elizabeth I) in 1558. This marked the final break of the church in England from Rome, which had started with Henry VIII's Act of Supremacy in 1534, when he wanted to defy the Pope to divorce his wife, Catherine. The 1558 Act confirmed Elizabeth I as the head of the Church in England, the Anglican Church, abolishing the authority of the Pope, head of the Roman Catholic Church. This Act was quickly followed by the Act of Uniformity in 1559, which required everyone to attend services in their parish church each week on pain of a fine of 12 pence if they did not. A new English service was introduced, the Revised Book of Common Prayer.

Most ordinary people probably were not very bothered, indeed a service in English might have been welcome, so they carried on much as before. They certainly could not afford a 12d fine and attending church was part of the social life of a locality. From this time, known as the Reformation, until 1778, all those persisting in the 'old Faith' were hassled, fined, and severely restricted in their civic rights or in extreme cases punished by death. In the two centuries following 1558 more Acts controlling Catholics were passed, especially when it was feared by the Government that Catholics were a threat to the monarch or national

security. They were seen as being in league with the Catholic powers on mainland Europe.

This gave rise to many 'Lists of Recusants' or 'Returns of Papists' or 'Lists of non-jurors'. A recusant is one who refuses to comply and papist is a derogatory term for Roman Catholics. A non-juror is a person who refused to swear oaths, but especially these three: Allegiance to the Monarch, Supremacy of the English Monarch (over the Pope) and Abjuration against any pretender to the throne. Not all non-jurors were Roman Catholic. The lists, many of which survive in local archives, enabled the authorities to keep an eye on where Catholics were, so they could be fined or their property confiscated or double taxed, however humble. Such lists were made by church wardens or constables on the orders of Government and may give names, sometimes of a whole family, ages, place of abode and occupation. Copies made from individual parish returns were often collated and sent to central authorities and have ended up in The National Archives (Kew, London). Some church wardens were sympathetic to their harmless neighbours, as can be seen in marginal notes, others took apparently great delight in searching out and recording meticulously every last Papist.

Roman Catholics also appear in Quarter Session records in the local archives. If they broke the law, for example on church attendance and paid a fine, it would be recorded. Oath takers were often listed here too. A clue to the existence of Roman Catholic ancestors before 1837 may be in finding their records of death/burial or marriage in an Anglican church, but with no baptismal records for the family. After the Reformation, Catholics were not allowed any kind of place of worship, all the old parish churches becoming Anglican, which explains why there are no old Catholic churches in the country, though the ancient churches' land may still show some of the features of their former life under the Roman Catholic rites. The big houses often had a domestic chapel, illegal at that time, but kept going by the Catholic gentry. Any place of worship established perhaps in a secret room in a Catholic home would be termed a Mission. A modest building used as a Mission may have been supported by a wealthy local Catholic family: Marnhull, Dorset, is an example with a mission established in 1725, the Hussey family having supported a succession of priests in Nash Court from around 1660.

Catholic ancestors had to be buried in the local, now Anglican, parish churchyard, sometimes out of the way and often marked in the burial register as 'papist'. This continued until the series of Relief Acts starting in 1778 and culminating in the 1829 'Emancipation' Act, which gave Roman Catholics most of their civil rights back. Even after this date there were very few Catholic chapels and still fewer with their own burial grounds. After 1837 when civil registration came in and a bit later when municipal cemeteries were being established, Catholics gradually gained their own dedicated burial areas.

During the Penal Times, as Catholics know the years of being religious 'outlaws', there were priests, often Englishmen trained in France or Belgium, who roamed incognito under the protection of landed Catholic gentry, carrying out marriage and baptismal ceremonies or administering the Last Rites. A memorandum for marriages and baptisms may have been kept in a personal notebook by the individual priest and very few survive. If someone was caught with one of these there would have been a severe punishment meted out. Westminster Archdiocesan Archives hold several of these priest's notebooks. Sometimes families, unable to find the services of a clandestine Catholic priest, took their infants to the local Anglican Church to be baptised as baptism is common to all Christians and private baptisms were not necessarily recorded. Baptism has little status in secular law, but as proof of birth and evidence if required for Settlement Examinations, a registered Anglican baptism was useful. After the 1754 Hardwicke Marriage Act everyone had to marry in their local parish church by the Anglican rites, otherwise the marriage had no legal standing for inheritance, with children of the couple deemed illegitimate. Only Quakers and Jews were exempt from this obligation because their registers were considered to be good enough for use as legal proof. This continued in force until civil registration started in 1837. Sometimes couples went through two ceremonies, a 'civil' one in an Anglican Church and one 'in the eyes of God' before a Roman Catholic priest.

In Dorset the main landed Catholic families were the ARUNDELLS of Lanherne, the HUSSEYS, the WEBBS and the WELDS. These families had the wealth and local standing to withstand the privations imposed on Catholics and, anyway, often had some importance to the Government, even if only because they had estates which could provide rich pickings

in the form of the double land tax and were an important part of the national economy. They were able to provide work for their fellow Catholics and give cover to priests as for example in using them as 'dancing instructors' or 'tutors' for their children. The Welds had their own chapel in Lulworth Castle and this was available to any Catholics. The old baptismal register survives: see sources below. The register is entitled *Catalogus Baptisatorum ab Anno Dom. 1755*. The first entry in Latin is for William (Gulielmus) SOAPER on 24 March 1755, an historic moment perhaps. The earliest known Catholic registers date from 1711 in the domestic chapel of the recusant Catholic Webb family. These early ones are in Birmingham Archdiocesan Archives, catalogued as Worcester. Registers and other documents from the mid nineteenth century onwards are often still with the current parish priest, whose contact details are usually online. Older ones may have been deposited in the local county record office, the Catholic Diocesan Archive, or even with the papers of landed families in The National Archives, Kew.

Michael Gandy's work, *Catholic Missions and Registers 1700-1880* (1993) is a very comprehensive compilation of the location of known registers. It is usually available in larger libraries.

The many and various lists made at the behest of the government are now a treasure trove of names of Roman Catholics. These are found, if you are lucky and they have survived, in local record offices, The National Archives and for the most complete list taken in 1767, the House of Lords. Many have been transcribed and published, including the 1767 list. These are not Catholic records, but records of Catholics made to keep control of them.

The remarkable point about the listings is that even the humblest person can be found and the term 'estate' can mean a tenanted or private 'dwelling' barely worthy of the name.

Sources

Cornwall Record Office

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Dorset History Centre / Record Office online catalogue, many references including:

Court papers including presentations by the churchwardens at visitations, articles of enquiry, penances and names of recusants - 1589 – 1714 Ref: PE-WM/CP/2 (Wimborne Minster parish).

List of Catholics in parish of Marnhull and Stour Provost 1781 Ref: Ph. 28.

List of Dorset convicted recusants – 1665 Ref: Ph. 192.

Nonconformists: Roman Catholics - Quarter Sessions Ref: Q/D/N.

Registers of Catholic chapel at Lulworth Castle ph 91.

Warrant to Constables of Winfrith Hundred to send in names of Papists and another to cause named Catholics to appear to take oaths. 1743 Ref: D-WLC/R/14.

Higgins FSC, Rory: The Margaret Higgins Database of Catholics 1607 – 1840, CD published by the Catholic Family History Society 2017.

Portsmouth Diocesan Archives <www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk> for various documents including parish histories.

The National Archives (TNA) Discovery Catalogue, which lists archive catalogues from all over the country. When searching online catalogues for sources, use the terms: papist, popish, recusant, Roman Catholic.

TNA, Kew, London

Exchequer: King's Remembrancer: Returns of Papists and non-jurors estates 1723 – 1725. These five documents refer to Dorset people. Ref: E174/1/9/82, 83, 84, 85, 88.

Forfeited Estates Commission, Names of Roman Catholics and non-jurors who refused to take the oaths 1715. These documents relate to Dorset. Ref: FEC 1/1145 and 1/1146. A transcription of this made by Estcourt, E.E. 1862 is available online at <www.archive.org>

Names of Popish recusants in the County of Dorset, REF: PRO 30/24/7/530, dates unknown.

Websites

<www.legislation.gov.uk> for the Acts of Parliament affecting Roman Catholics.

<<http://catholicfhs.online>> for the Catholic Family History Society.

<www.findmypast.co.uk> for early Catholic registers deposited in the archives of the Catholic Dioceses of Birmingham, Westminster, Liverpool and Middlesbrough have been put online at *England Roman Catholic* Also images and transcription of 847 baptisms at Lulworth Castle, domestic chapel of the Weld family 1755-1840 at *England & Wales non-conformist*. These are from TNA RG4 series. They are available at Dorset History Centre too.

Worrall, E.S.: Returns of Papists 1767, Vol 2, Diocese of England and Wales except Chester. 1989. Included in the above database, but available in book format at many bigger libraries.

Books

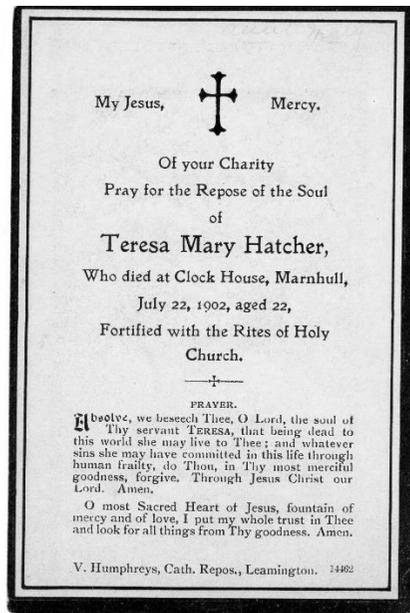
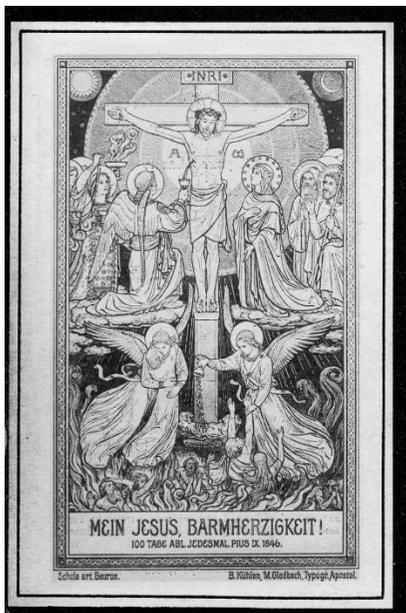
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Raymond, Stuart A. *Tracing your Roman Catholic Ancestors*, Pen & Sword 2018, excellent for up to date references.

Smith, Fr, Christopher, *The Catholics of Marnhull* 1982 Ref. Ron/17/2/4 at Dorset History Centre.



A memorial card; note a prayer in German, maybe English Catholic versions were rarer.

Letters to the Editor



Dear Editor,

I have been researching wills and would love to hear from anyone with potential ancestors in common as follows.

Sir Frederick TREVES Baronet had two great grandparents with P.C.C. wills. They were John GREENING, Collar Maker of Dorchester, will 1 Dec 1807, proved 13 Sep 1823; and Susanna, will 14 Sep 1829, proved 6 Mar 1835, wife first of Philip RODBER, Gentleman of Winterborne Steepleton will 22 Jan 1796 proved 3 Dec 1798 Dorchester, and secondly of Richard MILFORD, Excise Officer of Poole. She is likely to be the Susanna GREENE, married 3 Jun 1773 Winterborne Steepleton to Joseph TREVES, as her son William Rodber TREVES was 56 when he died in 1829.

Thank you,
Richard Travell
<richardtravell@yahoo.com>

Dear Editor,

My cousin recently bought at an auction in Bournemouth a collection of old books, but amongst the books was a photo album of a wedding, along with a wedding service sheet which only gave the initials of the bride and bridegroom.

However, I visited the Dorset History Centre and found that the wedding held at St Lawrence, Church, Upwey, near Weymouth, on 6th November 1946 was between Albert Edward WHETTAM, born 1911, and Betty GOULD, born 1924.

I believe Betty may have died recently in the Wimborne area and wonder if the album was taken in error during a house clearance. We would like to return it to any relative of the families if they care to contact me below.



Richard Smith (Member 4231)
E Mail - <orchidgrower@btinternet.com>

Dear Editor,

In response to our letter printed in the June 2019 Journal, requesting information from your readers on the WHEELER/BRIDLE/ALFORD families of Motcombe, East Stour and Shaftesbury, Dorset, we are delighted and thrilled to tell you of our 'meeting' distant cousins from Tasmania, Australia. Also a letter from a family in Poole who though we can find no relationship (yet), we hope to keep searching.

We have also 'met' through DNA a Bridle distant cousin from the United States and we hope to meet this summer at a Bridle family reunion near Parry Sound, Ontario. It has been an amazing journey 'meeting' our Bridle/Wheeler/Alford relatives and we will write more after the Bridle family reunion in Mid-August.

Thank you,
Anne Stevens, Member # 5098
21 Bowes Street, #408, Parry Sound, Ontario, P2A 2K7

Dear Editor,

Re: James Richard Piper - 1859—1947 - Master Barge Builder.

I have for many years researched my family history and, along with it, several branches of the family. At the moment my interest is in the life and work of James Richard PIPER [James] who became a very successful and well known barge and boat builder. In later life he became a marine surveyor.

In his early years, having completed his apprenticeship in 1876 to his then master William Frederick CHARLTON. he found employment in Swanage Dorset.

The 1881 census reveals that James was living at "the beer shop" high street Swanage. The property was also occupied by two other barge builders. At this point in time James was just 20 years of age.

On the 27th July 1885 James aged 25, a boat builder, married Alice Elizabeth HAYSON aged 23 at the parish church of Corfe Castle, a short distance from Swanage. James gave his home address as "St. Alfege East Greenwich". This address could have been the home of his father Thomas Piper, boat builder, who had established himself in the Greenwich area.

Attached to this article is a copy of the front page of the "river and coast magazine" dated the 17th' June 1899. The article gives a wonderful picture of James, surrounded by his many trophies he had won in a variety of barge matches.

The article surrounding the picture of Jame, contains considerable detail of his life. In particular, I quote "Mr. Piper took up an important position with Messrs J MOWLEMS & co. Of Greenwich, Westminster Swanage and Guernsey Ship-owners".

We know from historical documents that John Mowlem [1788-1868] and his successful company had many contracts in the central London area. Anticipating a steady demand for stone material in Victorian London, Mowlem purchased a granite quarry in Guernsey and a fleet of ships specifically to service the expansion of the construction industry. It is believed the company had interests in other quarries in the Dorset area.

It is thought that our subject, James, was employed to build ships and barges for the Mowlem company so they could transport the stone along the south coast into the river Thames and onward to London.

By 1891 James and his wife Alice and family had moved back to the Thames to Lorne Terrace, Greenwich.

James had established a very large boat yard on the Thames devoted to building barges of all types and sizes. The 1916 Ordnance Survey map clearly shows "pipers wharf and barge building yard".

It is the writer's hope that he can make contact with a fellow genealogist who has a detailed knowledge of the records of the Mowlem company for the period 1880-1890. My interest would be in any employment

records or self-employed contractors who worked for the company during this period. If possible, a copy of any pictures or drawings of the yards where the boats were being built, including any pictures of sea-going vessels being loaded with stone.

Finally, any local newspapers that carried articles on the barge building in Swanage.

I look forward to your help.
 Ron piper.
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 Membership No. 5120

RIVER and COAST

YACHTING AND CRUISING.

No. 178. (70th Year) SATURDAY, JUNE 17TH, 1899. PRICE ONE PENNY.

A CHAMPION BARGE BUILDER.

The barges of the Thames—their names is legion—have a great deal of fascination about them to many people, but few, perhaps, realise the immense amount of capital invested in these useful craft, or give a thought to the skill brought to bear on their construction. Having last week given an illustration of the champion *Giralda*, we now follow this up with a portrait and brief biography of her builder, Mr. James R. Piper, of East Greenwich.

The subject of our article was apprenticed to Mr. Wm. Brounley (J.P. for Gravesend), of Greenwich, ship owner, &c. Having completed his apprenticeship, during which he stored up much useful knowledge, and showed himself capable of being entrusted with responsibility, Mr. Piper took up an important position with Messrs. J. Mowlem and Co., of Greenwich, Westminster, Swanage, and Guernsey, shipowners, and very large general contractors, where he was entrusted with many important works both at Greenwich and along the coast, all of which he carried out to his employers' entire satisfaction.

After serving this firm for close upon ten years, Mr. Piper began business on his own account, opening a small yard in Greenwich, where he contracted for general repairs and built barges from his own designs. This proved rather an up-hill path, often necessitating the commencement of work early in the morning and remaining hard at it until late at night. But courage and perseverance, com-

bined with ability, will overcome all difficulties, and to-day the works are amongst the largest on the Thames, in addition to which Mr. Piper can claim to have designed and built the largest carrying dumb barges, viz., 350 tons and 300 tons sailing barges. He has now on the slips sailing barges of 400, 250, and 200 tons, while he has many commissions for similar craft covering a period of two years from the present time.

Some six years ago Mr. Piper entered the competition for the building of racing, as well as carrying, barges, and having carefully studied the combined racing and carrying capacities of the sailing barges, he was soon able to produce a Thames champion; he has for the last five years been the builder of the fastest sailing barges, which record he proposes to maintain, if possible, in the years to come.

Mr. Piper was, in his younger days, very successful in sculling, having rowed as many as 21 races, winning 29, with two second places. He won the Greenwich new boat in 1882, and on September 15th, 1882, the 100 guinea cheque, rowing the Championship course in 24min. 19sec. In his drawing room are many cups, vases, and medals; also a diploma for modelling, from the 1882 Exhibition.

Mr. Piper is a marine surveyor of damages and collisions, many of the large shipping firms entrusting to him their interests. Altogether, through constant attention to business, enthusiasm, energy, and hard work, Mr. Piper has built up a business and a reputation of which he and his may well be proud.



Jubilee Challenge Cup. Medway Challenge Cup.

Thames Cup, 1897. Medway Championship, 1894. Thames Race, 1891.

MR. JAMES R. PIPER.

Thomas Allitt

Shirley Chick

In a recent article in DFHS Journal concerning the flying boats, I noticed the name of Captain ALLITT who died in service. Until I read this article I had no knowledge of Captain Allitt and, as the name Allitt is a fairly uncommon name and features in my family tree with my great grandmother being Susannah Cooke Allitt, I thought that I would research this man further. The story of Captain Thomas Allitt, whom I discovered was my 5th cousin, is told below.

The following information is published with the kind permission of Dennis Burke of the Irish Aviation website.

Tom Allitt was aged 32, the son of William and Harriet Allitt; husband of Margaret Mary Allitt, of 14A Walton Park, Liverpool. He came originally from Flint, in north Wales, his mother dying when he was only seven years old.



Thomas enlisted in the RAF in 1927 as an apprentice. He was cleared for flying training in 1932, going on to be a Sergeant by 1938 when he was discharged from the RAF at own request to work as a first officer with Imperial Airways. He entered the RAFVR in 1939 and was put forward for commission in 1940. He served some time with the 'Special Duties' Flight and it was while here that he was involved in the 1940 Norwegian campaign. As second officer of Short S.23 Cabot, V3137 he flew to Harstad in Norway and thence to Bodo. It was here on May 4th that during a

German attack the aircraft was badly damaged. The crew and survivors of another aircraft towed V3137 into cover near some cliffs but the

aircraft was sited and destroyed by German bombers. He later flew with 119 and 210 Squadrons which both operated Sunderland flying boats. He was posted to an advanced navigation course in Canada in 1941 at 31 ANS. He was released from the active list of the RAF for duty with BOAC with effect from 12 February 1942. His brother William was lost at sea on 29 October 1942 serving with the Merchant Navy on-board the ill-fated MV Abooso in the Atlantic. The brother's father had passed away in 1939.



On the morning of July 28th 1943, the BOAC Sunderland Mark III Flying Boat G-AGES flight from Lisbon in Portugal to Foynes in Ireland, piloted by Captain Thomas Allitt and carrying a crew of 7 and 18 passengers, would crash into the slopes of Mount Brandon in County Kerry, Eire into the mountain in fog, killing 10, including Captain Allitt, of 25 men on board, leaving 15 injured. The flight, had left Lisbon late in the evening before and made its way up across the Atlantic. The passengers were a mix of civilian and military personnel. Eight men were airmen returning from temporary internment in neutral Portugal. Other military personnel were returning from postings in Africa and one was recuperating from injuries received in East Africa. The civilians on board were on official business for their governments.

Due to the dense fog and poor light conditions around the Foynes area when the aircraft, Sunderland G-AGES, arrived overhead, the captain of the aircraft elected to fly back out to sea for a period of time to await more favourable conditions for the aircraft to land in. They had arrived somewhat ahead of their planned time and it was while they were flying away from the Foynes base that the aircraft crashed at Slieve Glas on Brandon Mountain. The aircraft was carrying some 30,000 messages from British Prisoners of War in the Far East, but unfortunately only about 2750 of these survived the fire that followed the crash and were delivered as soon as possible. Some of the passengers had travelled from Cairo and the crew of a crashed bomber had joined them in Lisbon.

G-AGES was one of a batch of six Sunderland Mark III flying boats built at Rochester and delivered in standard BOAC Camouflage and fitted from production with austere bench seating. All turrets had been removed. It was part of a batch of aircraft intended for the RAF and was to have been Short Sunderland JM661 but upon delivery to BOAC was registered with the civilian marks, G-AGES. The other five aircraft were G-AGER, G-AGET, G-AGEU, G-AGEV and G-AGEW

G-AGES was registered 12 Nov 1942 (Certificate of Registration No 9375). The wartime log shows that the aircraft had flown from Bathurst to Port Etienne on July 26, 1943 then on to Lisbon on the night before the fateful crash.

The Foynes Flying Boat Museum, outside Limerick displays the remains of one of the aircraft's engines, a wing tip float and other wreckage as part of a memorial. Some wreckage still remained at the site in 2008, and Captain Allitt's daughter has hiked to the crash site in 2008.

Newspaper articles at the time listed those killed and injured as follows:- Max Albert ROTH age 31 of New York, married, a Swiss Government Courier between Lisbon and Washington; Thomas Allitt, Captain and pilot of the aircraft, the only crew member to lose his life and was buried in Liverpool; Sergeant Kenneth G. DEVALL RAF Volunteer Reserve, age 20 of Dudley North, Birmingham, survivor of a crashed Wellington HZ542 in Portugal on 13 June 1943; Lewis MILNER, Manager of E. W. Tarry and Co. Ltd., of Simmonds St. Johannesburg SA, travelling

with his colleague Thomas W. THOMPSON; Group Captain David William STANNARD age 34 Acting Group Captain RAF of Aldeby, Norwich, travelling from South Africa; Captain Diarmuid John HARTIGAN age 27 serving with 22 Mountain Battery Royal Artillery in Nairobi, East Africa, son of the late Dr. Hartigan of Weybridge Surrey ; Harold TRISTRAM of Rosebank, Prinlaws, Leslie, Fife; Ian Kenneth THOM age 37 of Heath Drive, Potters Bar, Middlesex who was travelling with Harold TRISTRAM from India, both of De La Plastics Ltd; Colonel Sidney R. PULLINGER age 38 Acting Colonel of the Royal Engineers of Trowbridge, Wiltshire and Colonel Arthur Frederick Rawson LUMBY age 52, British Army of 23 Gipsy Lane, Headington, Oxford, returning from Special Operations Executive in Africa, who died in hospital and was buried St Michael's churchyard, Askerwell, Dorset.

Six victims of the British Overseas Airways flying-boat crash at Mount Brandon, Dingle, were buried in one grave at Killiney Cemetery, Castlegregory.

The names of the injured in Tralee Hospital were given as follows: - Second Officer (Acting First Officer and Co-Pilot) John SLATER, age 21 of Rockwell, Bristol; First Engineer Victor RAWLINSON, Commercial Road, Parkstone, Dorset age 40, who was later awarded the Corporation Certificates of Commendation by the Board for courage and devotion at Slieve Glas for summoning help and aiding the injured; Second Engineer Ralph LAWES from Pontypridd but originally of Croydon age 28; Navigator Sergeant Eric VINCENT of 6 India Avenue, Salisbury, Wilts, age 22 (an Ex RAF man who had been seconded to BOAC for the past year); Radio Officer Charles Harry P. PHILLIPS of Lake House, Elms Avenue, Lilliput, Dorset; Radio Officer Frederick Thomas James PARR of Parkstone, Dorset age 32; Passengers: Sergeant Roy BERTRAM RAF age 20 of Woodside, Tivoli Crescent, Brighton was a Gunner on the Wellington that was forced to crash in Portugal on 13 June 1943 and was returned to Poole on 5 August 1943; Pilot Officer Leonard KING age 22 RAF V.R. of 55 Moffat Road Maidenhead. He was the pilot of the Wellington which was forced to crash in Portugal on 13 June 1943. He returned from Foynes to Poole on 5 August 1943; Frederick BROKER, Sergeant Oliver FRITH RAF age 21 of 66 Torrington Road, Portsmouth and was Bombardier of the Wellington that was forced to crash on 13 June 1943 in Portugal; Sergeant Victor Francis Edward SIMMONDS RAF

age 23 of 12 Nelgarde Road, Catford, London. He was the Radio Officer on the Wellington that crashed on 13 June 1943 as previously mentioned; Corporal Raymond Francois LARCHE Royal Canadian Air Force of Transcona Manitoba age 22; Sergeant Lloyd G. FRENCH Royal Canadian Air Force age 25 of 4 West View, Harrowgate, Burford, Ontario, returning to Poole on 25 August 1943; Thomas Watson THOMPSON of 1232 Park Street, Pretoria, South Africa; Sergeant Alfred Brooker DEPREE Royal New Zealand Airforce of 35 Hardley Street, Invercargill, New Zealand and Group Captain William Sacheverell HEBDEN RAF age 34.

Chairman's Chat.

What a summer! As I write (mid-July) we are enjoying our first "proper" rain for weeks. The sun is lovely for the holidaymakers and beach goers, not so good for the gardens. Folk have said to me that they put their family history researches on hold in the summer, Why? I can understand that one doesn't want to be glued to a computer when the weather out there is glorious, but research is so much more than gathering facts and documents. I would prefer to walk around a cemetery searching out family gravestones on a bright, dry day rather than tramping through wet grass in autumn or winter. (Bright light can make the inscriptions easier to read too, take a sheet of stiff cardboard or a clip-board with you, use it to cast a shadow over the lettering, magic!) Long summer evenings give opportunities to visit places that ancestors lived in or frequented for other reasons, take some photos for your Family Record sheet, drive on a bit and see where they had to walk to to get the milk, school, work, shop.

Elsewhere in this edition you will find the Calling Notice for our AGM. Please note that the meeting is being held on the 4th Tuesday of November instead of our usual 3rd Tuesday. We meet on November 26th and the change is for this one month ONLY.

I am afraid that I have contributed to this unexpected change. Factor 1: The Society decided to move from our old meeting venue to another Church Hall in Poole with effect from the September meeting. This

necessitated a change of meeting day from Monday to 3rd Tuesday. This would have set the AGM to be held on Tuesday 19th Nov.

Factor 2: much earlier in the year, when we still meeting on Mondays and the AGM had been scheduled for November 11th, I booked a holiday abroad to start on 12th November. I return on Nov 25th. Much as I love DFHS and all our members I was not in a position to cancel or change the holiday booking (and my very tolerant wife threatened divorce or worse if I even suggested flying home for the AGM and returning to complete the holiday.)

After a lot of time trying to find a solution that was both legal and user friendly we decided to ask members to change the meeting day for that one month. The church has kindly accommodated our change. So, to reiterate – **No** meeting on **19th** November – **AGM** on **Tuesday 26th** November.

If you live within reach of St George's, Oakdale, Poole, we would love to see you there.

We had great time at Alexandra Palace at the Family Tree Live show. Thank you to those members who came to say hello and those who helped staff the stand. We also had a strong presence at Broadstone Fun Day and Corfe Castle May Fair. By the time you read this we shall have been to Sandown racecourse (August 26th). A date for your diary, our own Family History Day is booked for 21st March 2020 at Parkstone Grammar School. Volunteers will be sought in due course.

Enjoy your research and do, please, share the fruits of your labours, or at least some of the gems or poignant moments along the way, with the rest of us. Send an article, however brief, to Angie, our Editor.

Enjoy getting to know your ancestors and remember, our volunteers at Treetops are always willing to help if you get stuck.

All good wishes,

David

Cerne Abbas

Richard Yates

On 24th September 1919 at 1.30pm, there was an auction in Dorchester Town Hall of an estate owned by the PITT-RIVERS family which encompassed virtually all of the village of Cerne Abbas, houses, pubs, farms, shops and plots of land. General Augustus Pitt-Rivers who was an archaeologist and collector, died in 1900, but it took until 1919 for the sale as a result of death duties. The family had owned the Cerne Estate since 1705, but their home was on another of their properties at Tollard Royal. Cerne had suffered from the nineteenth century agricultural depressions and the village had many run down and even derelict properties by the time of the sale. The sale raised £67000 and fortunately many tenants were able to buy their homes and businesses.



The Cerne Historical Society has obtained a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to put on a programme of events for the centenary of the sale. There will be an exhibition in St Mary's Church in the village from 1.30pm on Tuesday 24th September until Saturday 5th October (10am to 5pm daily – except 28th Sept – 3 to 6pm - and 5th Oct – 10am to 1pm).

On 28th September at 2pm there will be a performance of "The day they sold a village", a theatrical re-enactment of the 1919 sale with Duke's Auctions providing the auctioneer. There will also be several relevant talks in the village during the exhibition period. The re-enactment may be ticketed due to limits on numbers – for details of this and the talks, visit <www.cerneabbashistory.org>

News from Dorset History Centre

Sam Johnston - County Archivist

Digital Preservation - Dorset-led national consortium

DHC has led on the setting up of an 8-member consortium to deliver digital preservation. The members, which include Birmingham, Kent and Oxfordshire all benefit from lower cost subscription to the Preservica software used to preserve digital content ranging from documents to film and sound. DHC continues to expand the range and quantity of digital records it has ingested into Preservica including historic film and oral history recordings. We anticipate that at some point in the future, accessions of electronic records will exceed those of paper and parchment, although that point has certainly not yet been reached.

Herrison Hospital Wellcome-funded archive project

The project to catalogue and conserve this major hospital archive is now well underway, with the archivist, Sophie Smith starting work in early April. A catalogue is being created which will allow a much greater level of access to the archive than was previously possible. Additional assistance has been provided by two work experience students who have been based at DHC during July. A group of volunteers has also been recruited and will be starting work with Sophie - they will be adding greater levels of detail to the catalogue. A further aspiration is to collect a range of oral history recordings relating to people associated with the hospital - staff, patients and local residents.

DHC's collaboration with Higher Education is also progressing well. PhD candidate John CLEWS, from Exeter University is researching the unusually high percentage of privately-funded (as opposed to publicly-funded) patients in the hospital. In addition, case studies of child patients at Herrison - some very young indeed - are being researched by staff from Bournemouth University interested in young people's mental health.

You can read more about the project in the DHC blog: <https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dorset-history-centre-blog/2019/07/08/herrison-hospital-project-update/>

Conservation

DHC's conservator Jenny BARNARD undertakes a wide of work - both on the collections held at DHC, but also for external clients. A long-term project has been the conservation of the large, bulky railway plans of which DHC holds many. These detail every line in the county - those built but also those proposed but never built. She describes the challenges in a blog entry which you can read here:

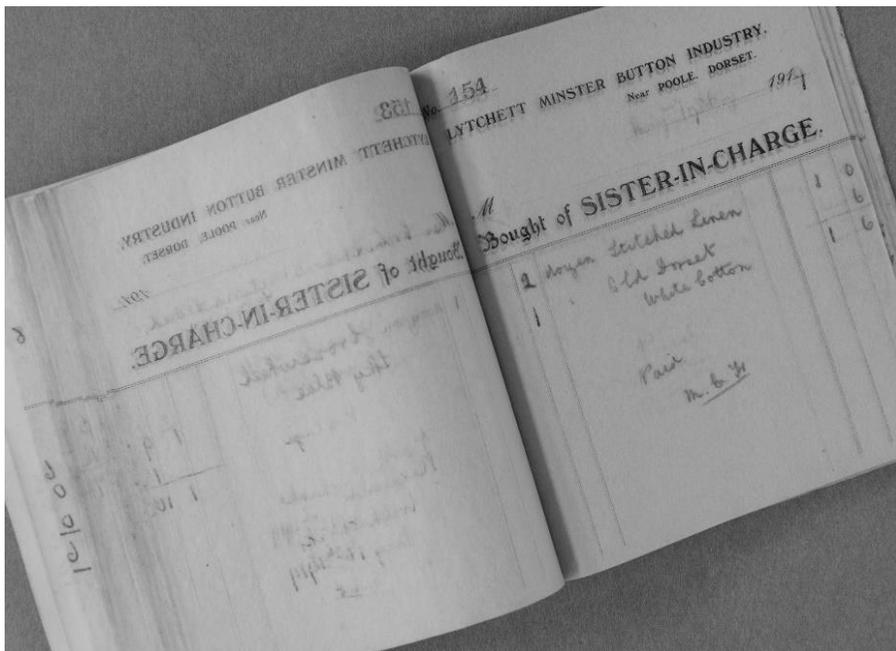
<<https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dorset-history-centre-blog/2019/06/17/the-challenges-of-the-railway-plans/>>

More generally, Jenny has written about the practice of archival conservation - the tools and techniques:

<<https://news.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/dorset-history-centre-blog/2019/07/01/tolls-of-the-conservation-trade/>>

Archive conservation is a relatively niche profession, so we are fortunate to have someone within the staff who is able to take on and manage this really important aspect of our work.

New records



A recent purchase by Dorset Archives Trust - a receipt book (1918-20 - reference D-3116) relating to the Lytchett Minster Button Industry. Very little archival information exists relating to what was once one of Dorset's key industries. This small item was acquired at auction but we do not know where other, similar records might be.

Dorset Archives Trust

Dorset Archives Trust held its summer event at Larmer Tree Gardens on 4 July. The gardens form part of the Rushmore Estate whose archives are held at DHC and have recently been catalogued and conserved. Philip Gready, estate manager spoke about Cranborne Chase and the work of General Pitt-Rivers, described as the 'father of British archaeology' whose ownership had a major effect on the estate - and created the gardens which received over 500,000 visitors in his 20-year residence at Rushmore.

For further information, see: www.dorsetarchivestrust.org

For further information on the service, please view the website at:
<<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/libraries-history-culture/dorset-history-centre/dorset-history-centre.aspx>>

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Sam Johnston

Notice of Annual General Meeting

to be held on

Tuesday 26th November 2019

at

St George's Church Hall, Oakdale, Poole, BH15 3EU

at 7.30 pm

Welcome & Notices by Society Chairman

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting, as published with Journal Vol. 32 No 2 (March 2019 issue)
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's Report
6. Treasurer's Report and Adoption of Annual Accounts
7. Election of Officers & Committee for 2019/20
8. Proposal to raise membership subs by £1 for year 2020/21 (if necessary)
9. Any Other Business

The Chairman will introduce questions submitted by members

Please note that Notices, nominations for Officers and Committee, and details of matters to be raised under Any Other Business, should be submitted to the Secretary by 31st October 2019.

Membership News

Claire Evans



Since my last report, the following new members have joined the Society and we offer them a warm welcome. If you are interested in contacting any of these new members shown below, you can obtain details from Treetops during opening hours:

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It is also that time of the year when the Society is making plans for the annual renewal of membership, which is due 1 October 2019. Within this journal you will find the Renewal Form. This explains each of the payment methods available to you.

Please note that you only need to complete this form if you are paying by cash or cheque, OR if your personal details have changed. If you are renewing online or by existing standing order, you do not need to complete the form.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email <membership@dorsetfhs.org.uk>

Society Services

Details of the **Research Centre and Office** (Treetops), opening hours, accessibility, website, Facebook page and the costs of **Personal Research**, are shown on the front inside cover of this Journal. **Contact** details of Officers are on the back inside cover.

Our **Services & Sales Catalogue** includes the Terms and Conditions of Business that apply when making a purchase by post or telephone. E-mail Treetops for an electronic copy or, for a printed copy (UK only) send a self-addressed C5 sized envelope (i.e. sized for A5 contents) bearing a 2nd class stamp to Treetops. Product details and these terms may also be found on our website.

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Transcriptions and Indexes

The Society has transcribed a large number of records relating to Dorset, which may be accessed at Treetops in the form of booklets, fiche, CD-ROMs or through our search service. Some are available on the Internet.

Facilities for visitors to Treetops

In addition to the Transcriptions and Indexes: -

- Access to The Genealogist, Fold3 from Ancestry (military records), Ancestry.com, Findmypast and the British Newspaper Archive
- Assistance with your research, if needed
- Reference and lending library
- Sales Area

Members Only

E-News: The Society circulates information by e-mail to Members who have given consent to receive Society emails. This includes reminders of forthcoming meetings, education courses or local family history events that the Society will be attending.

Forum: Available from the Menu bar of the Society's website, Society Members can apply for Forum membership and then post, and answer, family history questions (this is not intended to replace the Society's full research service).

Member's Area: Also available from the website Menu bar, the Password is AFQ3hfBF (includes numbers as well as letters). It contains some additional information just for Members.

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<<https://www.dorsetfhs.org.uk/data-privacy/>>

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