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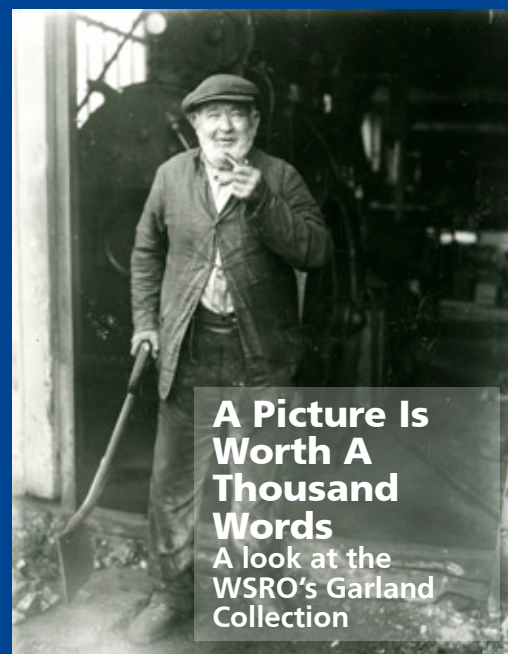
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## From the Vice-Chairman's Keyboard...

By Peter Hagger

As you can see this column normally written by our Chairman is coming from me, your new Vice Chairman. I am delighted to have been asked by the Committee to take on this role. We are fortunate that Paul Millington my predecessor, remains on the Committee. The Guild has a lot to thank Paul for over the last few years, particularly in the development of the web site and its on-line databases.

### About Me

Just a few words to introduce myself - I am a fairly new member of the Guild having only joined in 2003. I started my family history research about two years earlier which turned into a One-Name Study almost by accident. So, although I do not have the knowledge and experience of many on the Committee I still can remember what it is like to be starting out. This I believe gives me a good opportunity to be more questioning and have an empathy with our newer members as they start their studies.

I live in Cambridgeshire with my wife, have two grown up daughters and five grandsons. Fortunately, I have been in the position to take early retirement from full time employment, which has allowed me to take on a number of voluntary roles which, other than the Guild, are all focused in our village.

### Guild Elections

The number of people standing for the Committee this year was less than the maximum number permitted under our rules and therefore they were all elected without the need for a ballot. Those duly elected along with the posts they have been appointed to at the first committee meeting are as follows:

**Gordon Adshead**  
(Sem Sub Committee Chairman)

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(Editor)

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**Anne Shankland**  
(Webmaster)

**Sandra Turner**  
(Regional Rep Co-ordinator and Renewals Secretary)

**Peter Walker**  
(Chairman).

The committee have decided to co-opt Ken Toll who was appointed Chairman of the Marketing Sub Committee as well as Production Manager. Also co-opted was Gerald Cooke who is continuing as our Data Manager. The Committee felt Gerald could make a wider contribution to reviews of our processes.

Gerald is new to the Committee and he is joined by Keith Bage and Ann Shankland as our new members, so the Committee has a mixture of experience and new people. Howard Benbrook whilst not now on the Committee is continuing in the important role of Bookstall Manager. All other appointments can be found in the members room of the Guild website.

### Conference

We held an excellent Annual Conference in Bideford, Devon in April and I would like to very much thank the Braund Society, led by

Chris Braund and Janet Few for organising this years conference, details of which appear elsewhere in this issue. Next years conference will be held at Peterborough from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April and we will be celebrating our 30<sup>th</sup> birthday — make a note in your diary now!

### Guild Services

I hope over the next few months more of you will take advantage of the various Guild services. I personally have benefited greatly from the Guild Marriage Challenge Project. My study has over 1,800 marriages registered in England and Wales between 1837 and 1911. As a direct result of the Challenges performed by fellow members I now have details of over 330 of these. Recently I received a batch of faux certificates from David Horwill as a result of his Poplar Marriage Challenge. I immediately noticed a number of the certificates showed the same father and from Census data and some Parish Register data I had, I was able to reconstruct this family back to the 18<sup>th</sup> century in a North Hertfordshire village, from where my own family originated. So have a look at the Marriage Challenge Project elsewhere in this issue and take part.

The Guilds DNA position paper has now been agreed and as such we no longer see a need for the DNA advisory panel and have therefore disbanded it. However, we hope that the individuals involved will continue to assist members with their DNA projects where possible and the DNA@one-name.org e-mail address will continue to be supported by Susan Meates.

Your committee continues to explore ways of expanding our range of services. As previously reported we have negotiated a discount for members at Lost Cousins who have now introduced a special facility for one namers. ■

## Chairman's 2008 AGM Report

Chairman Peter Walker's report to the 2008 AGM can be found on the following pages published almost in its entirety for those either unable to attend the AGM in person or without internet access.

### Membership

151 members joined or rejoined the Guild in the last financial year; while we lost some 116 members for all the usual reasons. Overall, the current total membership stands just above the 2,000 mark. Whilst many other Family History Societies are experiencing a downturn in membership the Guild continues to show modest growth.

### Registration

There are currently 2095 studies registered with the Guild, covering a total of 7659 surname variants. We have now separated the two application forms - that for membership and that for study registration - so that new members do not feel pressured to start a registered study before they have fully considered the commitment required.

### Guild governance

The Guild continues to be run by the Committee — its Trustees - supported by Subcommittees for Seminars (led by Gordon Adshead), Marketing (led by Ken Toll) and a new subcommittee on Information Technology (led by Paul Millington), not forgetting the Conference team. While the Guild as a whole continues to launch new initiatives, we continue to be constrained by the number of people who volunteer to assist these subcommittees and other projects to make things happen. In particular, the Publications Sub-committee has, once again, not met in the last year. The main Committee met on 5 occasions and the Executive met 3 times.

This year, fewer members stood for Committee than the maximum of 15, so there has not been an

election. The Committee may choose to co-opt willing members to add to those that stood.

The transparency of Guild governance has been improved through publication of committee papers, in addition to the minutes, on the Members' area of the website. Additionally, draft minutes, as well as confirmed minutes, are now published.

### Marketing

The Guild continues to advertise Member's studies in the leading UK Genealogical Magazines. Plans are at an advanced stage to continue this in both the US and Australasian market with a view to increasing awareness of the Guild and hopefully increase membership as well.

Again the Register was mailed to major UK Record Offices and Libraries, as well as similar repositories in Australia. The 2008 mailing has been extended to USA and New Zealand.

Our marketing efforts have been supplemented by articles which have been published in family history journals mentioning the Guild. These include an article in the US *Family Chronicle* by Susan Meates and in *Midland Ancestor* by myself. Additionally, several talks on One-Name Studies have been given to family history societies, including talks at the Society of Genealogists and the Family Records Centre. Howard Benbrook has been very active on the 'talks' circuit, presenting on One-Name Studies, Mapping Software and Cardinal Points.

### Representation and Relationships

The Guild continues to be represented on many important genealogical bodies - a full list is in the report. Some are actively involved in the future availability of public records and are therefore important to Guild members. We lobby hard for facilities suitable for

One-Namers. Not all groups take our advice as willingly as others, but we continue to press our case. Many members will regret the closure of the Family Records Centre; however, it has to be acknowledged that online sources continue to grow. Early reports show that the revised layout at TNA, to incorporate the old FRC facilities, is quite pleasant and not as intimidating as it used to be.

The Guild continues to work with

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the Halsted Trust on projects of mutual interest. We are grateful to the Trust for being a sponsor of this Conference. We are also aiming to develop links with the academic community where again mutual benefit may be identified.

### Seminars

We started the year with the DNA seminar in the Nuthall Centre in Nottingham. Several Guild members were able to provide very interesting feedback on their DNA studies.

In August the seminar on Service Records was held at The National Archives in Kew. Many attendees were also able to learn more of the records held in TNA and also tour the facilities.

In November, there were 124 attendees at the very instructive Census On-Line seminar organised jointly with Essex FHS at the Chelmsford Record Office.

The Guild year ended with another much appreciated Midland seminar, held at the Solihull Methodist Church Hall.

There has been much useful feedback from the revised comment forms, which on top

of the presentation aspects has highlighted the value of the Guild Bookstall, and the appreciation of the provision of simple buffet lunches.

The seminar sub committee are giving much thought to the challenges of meeting the combined needs of long-standing, new and potential members, with a policy of covering a wide variety of geographical locations, and the resulting strains on publicity costs.

This year, thanks to Anne Shankland, we introduced an on-line mechanism to take seminar bookings via the Guild Website and most of the speakers have allowed us to mount summaries or their complete talks in the members' area soon after each seminar.

**Regional Reps**

We now have 49 Regional Reps working on your behalf, having lost 10 and gained 9 during the year — so we are looking to recruit a replacement Rep for Hampshire. *[one volunteered during conference]*

As well as greeting and supporting members in their area, many have assisted by promoting the Guild at events in their regions; both Guild seminars and other Family History Shows and Fairs, not to mention organising this year's Conference! Additionally, many Reps continue to hold local meetings and produce regional newsletters.

**Bookstall**

Howard Benbrook continues to manage the Guild's bookstall, now with the aid of a small van to reduce the wear and tear on his car. Bookstall sales improved on the performance last year. The most likely explanation for the difference, in what seems to be generally slower trading, was the very significant 'Who Do You Think You Are? LIVE' event at Olympia in May, which broke all our records for a single event. Additionally, sales of online vouchers for FindMyPast and Ancestry have proved to be very popular.

The Northern Bookstall, run by Ron Woodhouse, continues to make a modest contribution and as a consequence the Bookstall attended 30 events during the year. Although not all events

proved to be successful in sales terms, it's important to recognise that the operation of even a small-scale bookstall gives focus to our attendance, and brings an opportunity to promote the Guild, its activities and its services.

**Journal**

Our Journal continues to be a highly respected magazine covering a wide range of topics relating to One-Name Studies and news about the Guild. Roy Stockdill, after 10 years as our Editor, has decided to stand down and I'm sure I speak for all Guild members when I say how much we have valued his editorial and design flair in producing this high quality award-winning Journal. Thanks also go to Peter Hagger, our Production Manager and Ken Toll, his predecessor, who have ensured that the Journal and all other enclosed items get designed and assembled in time. We are grateful to our printers, Flexpress, who have once again sponsored the production of the Conference Handbook.

**Members' Handbook**

Led by Cliff Kemball, a second edition of the Members' Handbook was published in September. It contains significantly more information than the first edition, covering the Guild and its services as well as guidance on carrying out One-Name Studies.

**Communications**

We continue to use and develop all possible ways to communicate with members. Between Journals we have the Chairman's Newsflash which goes to our 1713 online members and is also available on our RSS newsfeed. 7 Newsflashes were issued during the year.

On the inbound side, Roy Rayment continues to man our freephone telephone number for the public as well as members to reach the Guild for general enquiries.

The website of course continues to be an important vehicle for publishing news and information about the Guild and has recently been significantly refreshed by Anne Shankland.

The Regional Reps continue to form an important link in communications to and from

members and several provide local newsletters.

The e-mail alias service (your one-name.org addresses) continues to provide valuable communications identification with the Guild.

**Web based activities**

After six years in the Webmaster post, Paul Millington passed the baton on to Anne Shankland, although he still retains an active role in developing website functions, especially the Members Database.

The year was not an easy one in that in October our database was shut down by our ISP due to overuse. Although we managed to restore access to it for members' use only, we had to suspend the public access to our search facilities. It was decided to move to a different system where the website and database would be more capable of dealing with heavy traffic and more reliable and robust. Although the transfer process was laborious and not without its own problems, we moved to the new server on 4th March, restoring full functionality for both members and the public. Thanks are due to the many Guild members who helped with the testing of the prototype version during February. As part of the transfer, many website pages (especially those in the Members' Room) have been substantially reworked to make them easier for members to navigate as well as easier for the Webmaster to maintain.

The migration to the new server has meant that some new website developments have had to be put on hold. However, we introduced a system for paying Membership renewal subscriptions online using PayPal, a facility which has been very popular especially among overseas members, with an astonishing 270 members choosing to renew using this method. As previously mentioned, a similar scheme has also been introduced to allow booking for some seminars by PayPal. We hope in future to extend the PayPal facility to allow bookstall purchases online, via an 'e-bookstall' in the Members' Room. We also plan to introduce an online search of the new Guild Probate Index later in the year.

The use of Guild web Profiles continues to grow and 402 are now in use, an increase of 30% on last year. This has to be the best free publicity you will ever get for your One-Name Study.

In contrast the use of Guild Archives has hardly increased: just 125 are now in use, just 5 more than last year. This month, the Archive facility is planned to be enhanced to accept census records for England and Wales.

**Guild Marriage Index**

Mary Rix, supported by Peter Alefounder, continues to run this index. The GMI has increased during the year and now has 462,000 entries from 476 members. It has benefited from extra entries provided from the Marriage Challenges, though more are yet to be added. Some members have not arranged with Mary for their Marriage Challenge results to be associated with their study in the GMI. The contribution of Cardinal Points makes the GMI more useful, and London is now well covered.

**Guild Probate Index**

This new service is being led by Barbara Harvey and will provide a similar function to the Marriage Index, in that members can check whether a surname is mentioned in anyone else's probate records.

The number of members who have contributed their data to the project has been disappointing so far. The search engine has been delayed due to the problems with the Guild Website, so Barbara is carrying out manual checks for members. It is hoped that the search facility will be online soon, but unless more members contribute their data, the search results will generally be disappointing. Barbara Harvey has also offered assistance to contributing members, so why not send her your data and see what transpires.

**Guild Forum**

The Guild Forum, managed by Wendy Archer, celebrated its tenth birthday in April 2007, about 45,000 posts having been made since 1997. It currently has 525 subscribers. In the last 12 months, 5070 messages have been posted.

This is a significant drop on the previous year, but this trend is echoed across many RootsWeb lists.

The Forum has had threads of interest on, for example, new resources, mostly as free or chargeable databases on the web, on trying to solve members' problems, and on Guild projects.

**Warning, Advice and Reporting Point (WARP)**

Aside from my role as Chairman, I have continued to run the WARP, which provides advice about computer and online security threats and this now has 196 members, 7 less than last year, representing about 11% of our online members. 20 warnings have been issued in the year, about the same as last year. In general, members are now more aware of security threats on the web, but like the ability to confirm their assumptions when seeing something unusual.

**Guild Marriage Challenge**

Coordinated by Peter Copsey, Marriage Challenge continues to be a great success and encourages members to undertake searches in deposited marriage registers for particular Registration Districts. Over 140 Challenges have now been completed or are in progress and the number of marriages found for our members is now over 40,000. The project is of particular benefit to those who have difficulty in reaching Record Offices in the area where their particular name is common and a special benefit to our members overseas.

**Guild storage facilities**

For an organisation such as the Guild, which has no permanent accommodation, storage space has always been a problem. Until recently the Guild rented some commercial storage space in Crawley, West Sussex, but this proved to be inadequate. A new contract was signed in November 2007 for the rental of a larger secure storage facility in East London near the M25 motorway and most of the Guild's property has now been moved into it, the old storage facility having now been relinquished.

**Guild Library**

Although the library continues to grow in size, its lending section is still largely unused by the membership as a whole. However, the number of requests made by telephone for 'Look-ups' has increased substantially, some members having realised that they can use the Guild Helpdesk telephone number to make detailed enquiries about specific items held in the library.

**e-Library**

A substantial expansion of the Guild's digitisation project is now imminent. Members are at last beginning to realise the value of lodging computerised backups of their research data with the Guild, as suggested many years ago by Clive Essery. This is yet another of the facilities which the Guild provides free of charge to its members, the data being held in the Guild's new secure storage facility in East London.

**LostCousins**

In the April Journal, you will see that we have now entered an agreement with the LostCousins website allowing Guild members discounted membership of the site. They have introduced One-Name Studies as a category of contact, in addition to the blood cousinship with which the site started.

**Findmypast**

The Guild has a continuing relationship with Findmypast.com and we are particularly pleased that they have sponsored the conference again this year and are providing free access to their site during this conference. Guild registered members can now obtain a 10% discount on Findmypast subscriptions and can continue to obtain a 10% bonus on the units they purchase. Details of the promotional codes are sent out with the Guild Journal each year and are also available in the member's area of the Guild website.

Cliff Kemball continues to provide off-line members with a look-up service to the many databases held by Findmypast and will be looking at ways to increase the take-up of this service.

## Other Lookups

Last year the Guild added two further look-up facilities - Cracroft's Peerage and the Westminster Database - to the existing five look-up facilities (Biography database; Soldiers Died In the Great War; The Army Roll of Honour — WWII; Armies of the Crown and the Complete Peerage). However, take-up of these services has proved somewhat disappointing and we may need to review the continuation of these look-up facilities if steps cannot be found to increase their future usage.

## Wiki or Guild Knowledge Store

The Wiki allows all members to share their knowledge and

expertise with others. It continues to grow and now has some 84 pages which form a valuable source of information about how to carry out a One-Name Study and find useful sources.

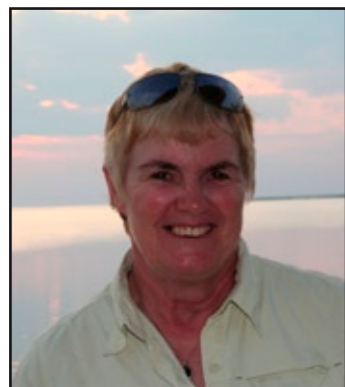
## DNA

The DNA Advisory Group, led by Susan Meates, has continued to assist the Committee with this important but complex topic. This culminated in the publication of the Guild's policy statement with respect to the relationship between One-Name Studies and DNA surname projects. During the year, 2 DNA Newsflashes have been sent to some 120 members interested in the topic. More knowledgeable members are

sought for this Advisory Group. The Committee will soon need to consider the future of DNA related activities in the Guild.

## Conclusion

In conclusion, the Guild remains in good health and I trust that the new Committee will continue to make further progress in the forthcoming year. Ultimately, the Guild is not just an organisation, but a group of people dedicated to a common cause. I trust that the membership recognises and values the efforts of those that have achieved all that I have described. ■



# Membership Renewals

By Sandra Turner

**A**s you will know it was agreed at the committee meeting after the AGM on 5 April that I would be the Renewal Secretary for the Guild for this year.

The renewal of your membership is due 1 November 2008.

I have not sent out Standing Order or Repeat Transaction Authority Forms with this Journal as has been the case for the last few years, as if you need them you can download them from the members room just go to 'Self Service' and click on 'Renewal, Standing Order, Gift Aid forms'. We do already have 1070 members that pay by Standing Order and if you have a UK bank account that is the easiest way to pay. You simply fill in the form and you can then forget about it as your bank will automatically send us the money each year. So if you are one of our UK members and don't pay

this way I would urge you to start a Standing Order from 1 November this year. This will also lessen my work, so will be much appreciated by me. Please send the form to me as soon as possible and I will note it on the database and advise your bank for you.

Last year we introduced paying online by PayPal this proved successful as 261 members chose to pay in this way. You will again be able to pay for your subscription online.

The Repeat Transaction Authority Form gives us the authority to take the subscription money from your credit card account and 114 members pay in this way.

The final way to pay is by sending me a cheque. The renewal form will be sent out with the next Journal in October so you can fill

the form in then and send it with your cheque to me if you wish to pay in this way.

Those of you who are UK tax payers, please do sign a Gift Aid Form if you haven't already done so. The Treasurer can then claim the tax back on your subscription.

If you have any trouble downloading and printing any of the forms on the website please let me know. You can e-mail me at [renewals@one-name.org](mailto:renewals@one-name.org) and I will happily post a form out to you.

I do hope you will continue with your membership of the Guild and enjoy the many benefits of membership and I hope to meet many of you during the year at the seminars we arrange around the country. ■

# Adding DNA To Your One-Name Study

Susan Meates takes a look at adding DNA to your one-name toolkit.



**D**NA testing for genealogy became available to consumers in 2000, and every day attracts more participants. The vendor with the largest database reports over 200,000 test result records in their database, showing how quickly this new science has been adopted by genealogists.

The Genographic Project by National Geographic, in partnership with IBM and Family Tree DNA, brought DNA testing for discovery to the mainstream. Their launch was so successful, that they ran out of test kits in the first month, when the anticipated demand for a year was sold in a month. Many of the people buying these kits are getting their first exposure to genealogy, when they upload their results from the Genographic Project to the Family Tree DNA database. The Genographic Project has sold over 255,000 test kits in a little over 3 years.

In just a few years, DNA testing has moved from a few DNA Projects by the early adapters, to over 4800 projects with participants in over 190 countries. We are still at the beginning of this new discipline, and the rate of testing is increasing every day.



A test kit is sent in the mail. The tester must swab the inside of their mouth and place the brush heads in the tubes of preserving fluid.

## DNA and the Guild

Years before DNA testing was available to the general public, one Guild member, Alan Savin, was a pioneer when he started his project in 1997. From 1997 to 1999 Alan, with Dr. Mark Thomas of University College, London, pioneered the use of Y-chromosome DNA in the world's first DNA surname study.

In 2000, two more Guild members started projects, Orin Wells and Chris Pomery. Orin's project started as a special case study under the Brigham Young Molecular Genealogy project, and later moved to a commercial vendor. In addition to his DNA Project, Chris Pomery also pioneered a DNA Portal, which was an early source of information about DNA testing.

2001 saw 3 Guild members start projects, Arthur Carden, Susan Meates, and Keith Plant collaborating with John Plant. The number of markers tested were limited at this time, ranging from 10 to 12, depending on the vendor. Today, significantly more markers are

tested, ranging up to 67.

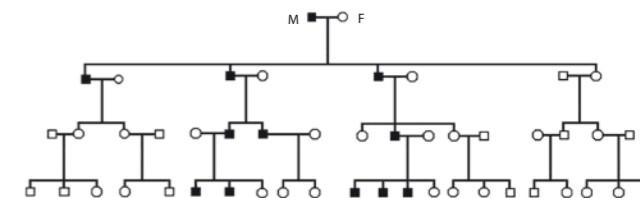
The rate of Guild members starting projects began to increase over the intervening years, with 145 Guild members having projects as of July 1, 2008.

The vast majority of Guild members are electing to be the Project Administrator, and this route sometimes requires problems to be solved at the vendor selected, because their registered surname was initially involved in another project. Many times the Guild surname was not a valid variant of the main surname of the project, and an extraction of the surname from the project could be negotiated. In addition to Project Administrators, some Guild members are co-administrators or collaborators, often because a project was in existence for their registered surname.

It takes many years for a DNA Project to build up a large group of participants, and the rate of participants joining a project varies significantly, based on a variety of factors, including the population of the surname, whether time is spent recruiting, and the number of years the project has been in existence, providing time for vendor marketing efforts and/or Project Administrator recruiting efforts to bring participants to the project. Nine projects by Guild members have over 100 participants. In 2008, two additional projects will most likely exceed 100 participants. In addition, two projects have over 200 participants, the Wells DNA Project with 430 participants, and the Meates DNA Project, with 295 participants, which will pass 300 participants in 2008.

## The Value of a DNA Project

DNA data is another source of information about a surname, and provides information not available in the paper records. The information can be invaluable in solving genealogical questions, and will tell you which family trees are related.



The Y chromosome, found only in men, is passed from father to son, typically unchanged. By testing locations on the Y chromosome, called markers, you can determine if two men share a common ancestor, and the approximate time frame of the common ancestor.

Combining the information about which family trees are related, with surname distribution maps and early records, will tell you more about the origin of the surname than just the paper records alone.

For those that have been conducting their one-name studies for decades, and have exhausted documentary sources, DNA testing will provide additional information, as well as an opportunity to validate the family trees constructed.

From a genealogical perspective, DNA testing has many applications, too numerous to list here. These include confirming migrations, and sorting out multiple families in the same location.

From the perspective of a one-name study, DNA testing provides the opportunity to:

- Confirm surname variants or find previously unknown variants
- Discover information to define the major branches of each tree going back to the origin of the surname
- Discover information about the evolution of the surname
- Discover clues regarding the origin of the surname
- Combine DNA results with research in early records and surname distribution maps to determine the number of points of origin for the surname

DNA testing is a very valuable tool for a one-name study. DNA testing is just one component of family history research, though an important component because it provides information not available from the paper records, and can provide information about the origin and evolution of the surname.

The question then becomes, do you include DNA testing as a source in your one-name study? If you decide to include DNA testing, do you wait or start a project now?

## Wait or Start a Project

There are many reasons to wait. There isn't any time, it costs money, it will take time to learn, it is uncomfortable to ask people to participate, you don't have any male contacts with your surname, and it all seems overwhelming.

There are also many compelling reasons not to wait. For example, there are probably key males, perhaps the last living male for important family trees, and they are elderly. You want to get a sample and get it stored while they are still here.

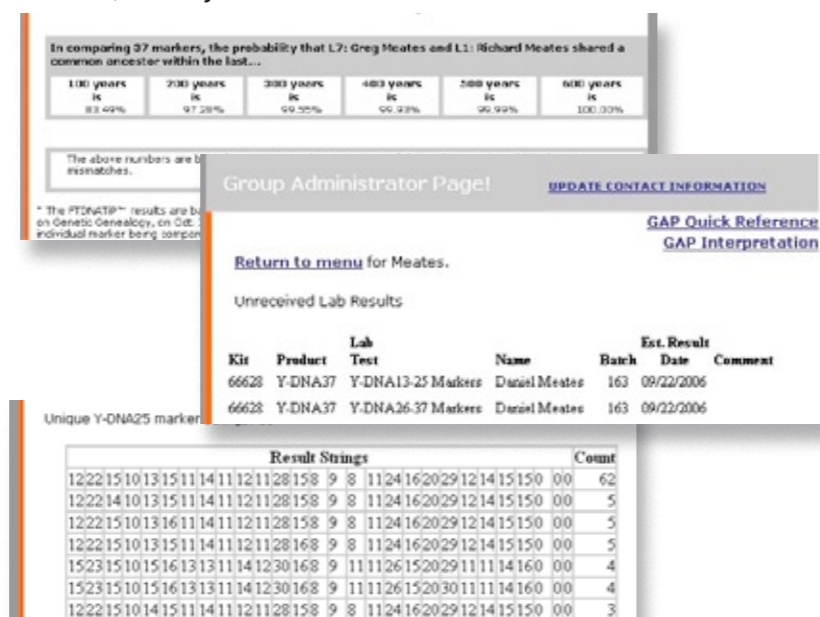
DNA storage is important to take advantage of future scientific advances. I am biased on this factor, having started my project when my brother was killed in an automobile accident, and since then, 2001, I have upgraded his test 4 times, as well as ordered other tests that became available. We are just at the beginning of DNA testing for genealogy, and many new tests will be developed in the future.

Another reason to start a project may be to store your own sample, if you are male, and leave it for

future generations.

A major reason to start a project now is that some one else may start a DNA Project for your registered surnames. If this occurs, where someone has started a project for your registered surname(s), you may think that the solution is just to start a project at a different vendor. Unfortunately, this will most likely lead to both projects not being successful. The pool of prospective participants is not large enough to support two projects. One project will end up as the larger project, yet still be missing participants because they are in another project.

A comparison of the largest vendor's database to Guild registered surnames, shows that for over 90% of members, at least one person has tested with a registered surname, and many of these participants are not yet in DNA Projects. Some of these persons tested may start a project for your registered surname. In other cases, DNA Projects exist that contain Guild registered surnames, though the surname selection for the DNA Project may not accurately reflect information you know about your registered surnames. This is often accidental. The genealogists starting these projects are usually not experienced in one-name studies and don't have a knowledge base about your surnames, so they may select incorrect variants, which include your registered surnames. This problem can usually be solved.



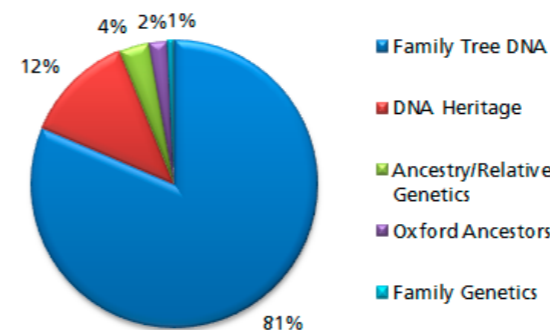
Various Project Administrator reports.  
(reports may vary per vendor)

## A Project Exists for Your Registered Surname

If a project is already started that includes your registered surnames, it is important to gather information and analyze the situation, to determine the best course of action. For example, the project could contain surnames that are not variants, due to the lack of knowledge of the Project Administrator. This can be solved. Perhaps the surname is with a project, because the administrator thought he needed to do this to let a friend test with the surname at a discount. As you can see, there are many possible causes. If you

want to start a DNA Project, and find your registered surname in an existing DNA Project, please consult with me regarding the situation at DNA@one-name.org. In most cases, I can find a solution. The answer is not just to join the DNA Project.

## Guild DNA Projects by Vendor



Starting a DNA Project provides an opportunity for all those interested with your surname(s) to take a test at a discount, even if you aren't yet ready to move forward. A DNA Project is about discoveries, especially discoveries that can't be made from the written records.

DNA Projects are being started every day by genealogists all over the world. Although most Guild registered surnames are rare or low frequency - these surnames are in the population, and someone may eventually step up and start a project.

## It All Seems Overwhelming

When I first read about DNA testing - it seemed overwhelming to me also. As with any new record source, there is a learning curve. In this case, the learning curve appears a lot steeper than it actually is. Once you remove the jargon, and get to the basics, it is actually quite easy.

For zero investment of money and a small amount of time, you can start a DNA Project, and proceed forth at your own speed, learning as you go. Once your project has a few results, you will see that DNA testing is actually easier than many of the record sources you have dealt with. After you ask the first person to participate, this also gets easier.

## Getting Started Today

The steps to getting started are easy, and even if you are not ready to test your tree, you can get started today for zero investment of money, and a small amount of time. Follow these easy steps:

### 1. Write to DNA@one-name.org

Guidance and information will be provided. Any problems, questions, or concerns will be addressed.

### 2. Select a vendor

Referrals will be provided to third party comparison charts, vendor demos, and your questions answered. This step is not as difficult as it appears. Once you select a vendor, simply inform me.

### 3. DNA Project Set up

As part of the help provided, your project will be

requested from the vendor and then the project will be set up, including the project profile, and if the vendor provides free hosting, the project web site. Standard text is used that was developed from a marketing perspective, and standard option selection is done. You can easily change anything at any time. This step will save you time, and get you started with proven marketing material.

## 4. Getting Started Guide

You will receive an email with a set of easy steps to follow at your own pace. These steps are tailored to your situation, and include a wide variety of small tasks, such as checking your project profile and web site, how to modify these items, and how to invite persons already tested in the vendor database to join your project.

## Journey of Discovery

At this point, you can be done, and spend no further time, and you haven't spent any money. Ideally you will want to make a small investment of time, to learn the basics so you can help any participants who find your DNA Project and order a test kit. You may also want to test the direct male line of your tree. You can spend as little or as much time as you want recruiting other participants, or just wait and see who finds your project. At a minimum, you have protected your registered surname, and provided a discount to any participants with the surnames in your project.

If you need help at any time, you can post to the Guild Forum, or contact me at DNA@one-name.org.

It couldn't be easier to get started today.

## Already Have a DNA Project?

- If your vendor offers the Guild Logo option, and you want the Guild logo to appear, notify DNA@one-name.org for Family Tree DNA customers or see your Project Page at DNA Heritage for those customers.
- Use the link below to add your DNA Project web site to the Guild online Register: [www.one-name.org/cgi-bin/user-maintenance/multiplewebsitefrontpage.cgi](http://www.one-name.org/cgi-bin/user-maintenance/multiplewebsitefrontpage.cgi)
- Update your Guild Profile, by completing the DNA section. If you don't have a Guild Profile, you can create one, and then link your DNA Project Profile and/or your Project web site to your Guild Profile, and vice versa.

## Further Reading

**Genographic Project:** - <http://www5.nationalgeographic.com/genographic/index.html>

**Free monthly educational newsletter from FamilyTreeDNA** - <http://www.familytreeDNA.com/fgregister.aspx>

**Past Issues of the FamilyTreeDNA newsletter** [http://www.familytreeDNA.com/facts\\_genes.aspx?act=past](http://www.familytreeDNA.com/facts_genes.aspx?act=past)



# A Picture Is Worth A Thousand Words

By Roger Goacher

Many local Record Offices hold collections that are not widely advertised or are little known as resources for genealogists. One such is the Garland Collection at the West Sussex Record Office (WSRO). George Garland was a press photographer who spent almost all of his working life at Petworth, West Sussex. The WSRO holds more than 70,000 of his negatives from the early 1920s until the late 1960s.

This article is illustrated with a few of the Garland's photographs that relate to names registered with the Guild. There are many other such images, for example, a dozen or more relate to the name Goacher and variants that I study.

George Griffin Garland was born in 1900, and from the 1920s until his death in 1978 he worked as a professional photographer based at Petworth. His first press photograph appeared in the London Evening News in 1922.

In the late 1920s, he married Sally Knight, who ran the business side of things, leaving Garland free to do what he loved best, roaming the countryside in search of pictures,

and meeting the "characters" he so enjoyed talking to. Both Garland and his wife also became local news reporters, for which they were paid a penny a line.

Garland's work covered all aspects of life in a country area. As well as the identity portraits, and the wedding groups, he photographed the sheep fairs, the ploughing matches, gymkhanas, meetings of the hunts, May Revels, garden parties, football, cricket and stoolball matches, Young Farmers' Club meetings, church services, processions and much more.

The Garland Collection records all aspects of life in the countryside at a time when it was changing rapidly with the introduction of mechanisation. Many of the old crafts were disappearing. Garland seems to have been conscious of this, for he took not just one picture, but series of pictures of every stage in the processes of such crafts as hurdle-making, pimp-making, hoop-shaving, charcoal-burning and cider-making.

He photographed the shepherds, driving their flocks along the still quiet roads to the sheep fairs, or tending the ewes in the lambing



Mr Tully, West Grinstead (possibly stoker at sawmill), October 1933

pens constructed from hurdles. He photographed the workhouse at Petworth just before it closed, with its inmates in their uniforms of long black skirts or corduroy suits. He photographed the heavy horses on which agriculture still relied, ploughing, rolling, harrowing and carting, and he recorded the tractors that were soon to supercede them. He recorded every aspect of the agricultural year, throughout the seasons.

Some of Garland's photographs were posed, and it is easy to recognise his favourite "models", and the smock that was worn by suitable characters in a variety of situations. But even his posed pictures have their value. Pictures of children peeping up the kitchen chimney to see if Father Christmas was coming give a rare glimpse of the interior of an estate cottage. Photographs of female hikers, rather daringly wearing shorts, crossing a small river by ferry, do show the ferry and ferryman,



Mr Fred Chandler, Tillington, December 1928



PC Laker & Family Group consisting of PC Laker, West Sussex Constabulary, Mrs Laker in Guide Mistress uniform and two Laker boys in Scout uniform, November 1933

even if one of the hikers was Mrs Garland, and their packs were stuffed with newspaper!

George Garland died after a long and debilitating illness in February 1978, and his collection of more than 70,000 negatives was left to the WSRO to be preserved for future generations.

As a commercial photographer, rushing to meet deadlines, Garland was not always careful about

thoroughly processing his negatives. Some of his early negatives had started to deteriorate, and the WSRO initiated a programme to create new negatives of the most historically valuable images in the Collection, with grants from West Sussex County Council and the Foundation for Sport and the Arts.

A complete catalogue of the Garland Collection is available for consultation at the WSRO in



Sgt R Akehurst at Pullborough Market 12 October 1936

Chichester. The RO also holds reference prints of the entire Collection and indexes by personal name and place name. It has started to digitise the Collection catalogue, which will eventually be available online. The RO can supply digital images of any of the photographs in the Collection for a fee.

The WSRO also holds other photographic collections - over 150,000 photographic images, prints, drawings and paintings of West Sussex places, people and events in all, and has started a programme of digitisation to make some of them available on-



Mr Puttock, Hoopshaver at Balls Cross, May 1937

line. Further details can be found at <http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/ccm/navigation/libraries-and-archives/record-office/picture-archives/>

The Garland Collection is a wonderful photographic resource of life in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, in a largely rural area; a life that has now almost completely disappeared. It may contain photographic 'gems' that can add to your ONS information.

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## 'The Rich Man in his Castle, the Poor Man at his Gate'

**Robert Boxer** reports on the highlight of the Guilds calendar, the 29th annual conference and AGM.

This was the first AGM I had attended as a fully, paid-up delegate. I was at Basingstoke (briefly) last year and was slightly in awe of all these people talking about things I had never heard of. What on earth is/was Palaeography that nice looking lady was talking so earnestly about? To the newcomer it sounded like something you either dug up or caught in nasty places in the Middle East. This year was somewhat less overbearing but equally confusing in some places. Most of the items on the Agenda were clear in their meanings but "Terra Australis Incognita"? That, to a boy who left secondary school before GCE's were 'in'.

### The Fun Begins

Anyway, the Guild's 29th conference over the April 4/6 2008 weekend started off on the Friday afternoon with an excellent demonstration of the way Ancestry and Findmypast can help one-namers. The presenters certainly showed us a few wrinkles and tricks to make the searches more accurate and specific (aka — less slap-dash).

This was followed at 6.30 by dinner and then Master Jake and his lovely lady Nell, from Torrington 1646, 'entertained' us with a very amusing and sometimes too graphic explanation of medical beliefs and practices in the 16/17th Century. Fortunately, nobody in the assembled company actually succumbed to the need to be 'treated' with

some of the instruments we were shown as the descriptions of how (and where) some of these were used brought a tear to one's eye.

### Day 2

Saturday dawned bright and clear and after breakfast the delegates assembled for the Guild AGM (full report elsewhere in the Journal).

After a short break for coffee, following this year's Conference title — The Rich Man in his Castle, the Poor Man at his Gate - Peter O'Donoghue from the College of Arms explained how their records can help explain some of the 'odd' things that appear to have happened to our ancestors and what those devices on heraldic shields, etc. may mean to us trying to make



Some of Master Jake's "medical" implements.

sense of them.

The second talk of the morning was by Caroline Verney of Exeter University who showed by the use of one 19th Century family; The Hartnells of Easewell; how servants and the like could be sometimes linked to their masters and should not be discounted but looked at in



Caroline Verney

much greater depth.

Straight after lunch Dr. Alan Dodge gave a very clear description of the various offices and officers of the Parish Council, what their duties were to the Council, each other and the parishioners in the



Dr Alan Dodge

18th century.

A short break and Inspector Simon Dell showed us what, if any, resources are available in Police Archives up and down the country. He also explained how the various Forces approach (or don't in some cases) this often neglected



Inspector Simon Dell

resource.

Howard Benbrook and Chris Braund followed along in close order with a talk given the title "What's all this One-Name Study Lark Then". I leave it to the reader to work that one out. Theirs was the last presentation of the afternoon and ended at about 5pm.

To give the delegates a chance to change into their 'costumes' and 'characters' for the evening the Banquet Reception was at 7.30 followed by dinner was at 8pm. After a sumptuous dinner we were supposed to be able to dance the night away but the band rung up at the last minute and said "they couldn't make it". Never mind — a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by one and all just 'nattering' and imbibing the odd alcoholic beverage here and there.

### Day 3

Sunday morning brought snow. Some of us with long trips to make thought of staying on but it didn't settle and the skies soon cleared.

After breakfast and a brief

Ecumenical service Dr. Michael Braund elaborated on the aforementioned Terra Australis Incognita. This turned out to be nothing more painful than how to use Australian records to perhaps find and fill in those missing people



Dr Michael Braund

using their One-Name resources.

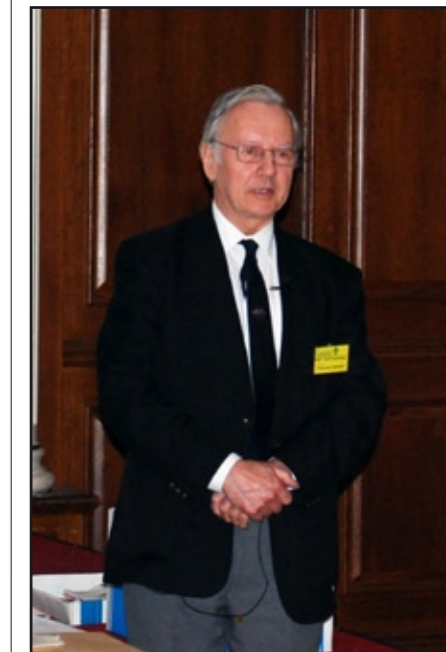
After a short coffee break the second talk of the morning was by another lady from Exeter University, Janet Few. She explained how to reconstruct 19th century families, groups and communities. This



Janet Few

so we could perhaps understand better the way these worked and how the decisions they made and what they did over a century ago can even affect us even today.

An excellent if 'dry' (for the drivers anyway) lunch was followed by Dr. Helen Doe talking of 19th



David Hawkings

century costal communities and then David Hawkings covered the Transportation Records. It seems a shame that it was not possible that these lectures were not arranged so that the two ladies spoke about their subjects sequentially as they were very relevant to each other and the gentlemen the same because they too were closely connected.

### Until next time...

The whole conference closed at about 4pm.

There were many "See you next year" and "See you soon's" and I suspect quite a few tearful eyes. All in all an excellent conference, well organised at an excellent venue and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

I close with "See you next year — at Peterborough" ■

# 29<sup>th</sup>

## Guild Annual Conference & AGM

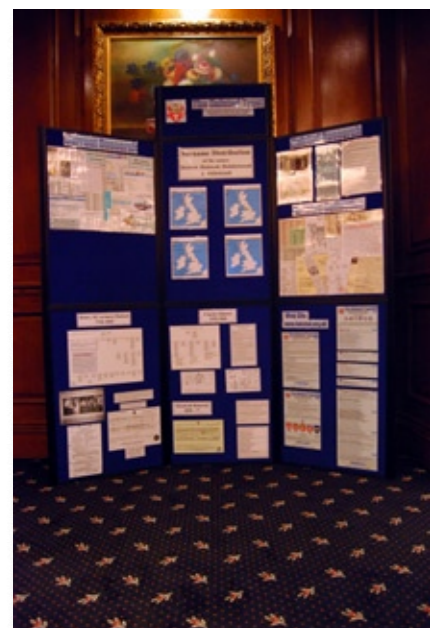
## Bideford, Devon 4th - 6th April 2008



Above: Conference Venue, The Durant House Hotel



Above & Right: Delegates enjoying the Banquet



Above: The Halsted Trusts display. & Above Right: The Braund Society stand



Left: Master Jake tries to alleviate some of the stress Howard Benbrook's been under.

Right: Cheers! Here's to another successful Conference.



More selections of just some of the fantastic costumes on show.

Right: Delegates anxiously await the next lecture.



# Dressed To Kill!

Jim Filby & Ruth Smith describe the inspiration behind their choice of ancestral dress, *James Arthur Filby* at the recent Guild Conference.

Ruth Smith, my sister, who is our Filby Associations secretary, and myself (the Associations manager), have attended the Guilds AGM and conference for the last five years. This year, we were pleasantly surprised to note that we were being asked to come dressed as an ancestor.

I therefore decided to come as my uncle James Arthur Filby (known as Arthur), who served in the Tank Corps during World War One. We decided that Ruth could come as Arthur's younger sister, our Aunt Edith who served as a Red Cross nurse in the Second World War.

The search was on to find original uniforms. The Red Cross uniform we found where we found a lot of the First World War army uniform items: jacket, trousers, trench cap, puttees and a Browning pistol & holster. Being almost a century old they are like gold dust to find but we were successful.

The only items that were not original were the belt for the Browning pistol holster, (it should have been leather instead of a standard web belt) and the army boots which were second hand bought from an Army surplus store.

## James Arthur Filby

Who was James Arthur Filby? He was born on the 21st September 1897 in West

Dereham a small village in Norfolk. Later they moved to small hamlet called Roxham (where my Father Harry was born on the 25th July 1902) and then to a small holding in Runcton Holme where Arthur's sister Edith was born on the 24th April 1904.

The family ran the

small holding, with Arthur and Harry helping. Harry was more interested in looking after the animals, whereas Arthur would rather look after the machinery. When the war came, his mother and father forbid him to join the army, but just before he was 18 he joined the Norfolk Regiment.

When the army started looking for volunteers who were mechanically proficient, to join what was then called the Heavy Section Machine Gun Corps, Arthur volunteered. This Corps was formed in Thetford Forest in a five square mile area near Elveden Hall. Later as it grew in size it moved to Bovington, Dorset now renamed the Tank Corp.

## In Action

We have tried to trace his movements throughout the war which has proved difficult because the only time names were mentioned in war diaries other than officers' names, were either if they received a decoration, were killed, missing or badly injured. We do have details of two actions that he was involved in.



4th July 1918 The Battle of Hamel. This was only a small battle, but was significant in a number of ways:

1) it was the first battle for some time in which we had made significant gains. 2) It was the first battle that used the new MkV Tank which was faster and more manoeuvrable than the previous Tanks. 3) The Tank was used alongside the Australian Infantry in support rather than acting as a separate unit.

The hill and trenches looked almost impossible to take but

it was, and to quote part of the inscription on a plaque at the Australian War Memorial on the hill that was taken outside Le Hamel, reads:



## "The Model Battle"

*The attack began at 3.10pm and caught the Germans by surprise. A storm of shells crashed into their defences while the tanks and infantry moved swiftly across the still dark fields and slopes.*

*In just 93 heroic minutes the objectives were achieved. About 2,000 enemy were killed or wounded and more than 1,800 were captured, together with 177 machine guns. Casualties in the attacking infantry were less than 1,000 — about 100 were killed. Many of the participating infantry could not believe the ease of their success. In previous attacks like Fromelles there had been nearly 2,000 killed for no gains. Never before had ground been taken so easily with so few casualties and with so many prisoners."*

Needless to say there were many heroes that day including 77465 Gnr. FILBY, JAMES ARTHUR. 8th Battn. Awarded the M.M.

9th August 1918 Vauvillers. This was the action in which Arthur was killed; he was actually posted as missing presumed killed. Below is part of a document held in the Library at Bovington Tank Museum: Part of Para 15 on pages 92/93 which reads:

*"The objectives of the Company*

*was the capture of a line just W. of VAUVILLERS and the high ground W. and S. of the village. Zero hour being timed for 11.0 am. The scheme was very hurriedly worked out and the necessary liaison and cohesion with the Infantry Battalion operating was unavoidably lacking. The Tanks were immediately overhauled and arrived at the assembly point, which was about 1,000 yards N. of HARBONNIERS, just W. of the HARBONNIERS-PROYART road, by 10.30 am.*

*At 11.50 they went into action unaccompanied by Infantry and*

*without any Artillery support or preparation of any kind. Of the 7 tanks which went into action, 5 received direct hits and one was badly ditched. They had no sooner passed over the railway, which was in No Mans Land, than they were greeted with salvo upon salvo of shells fired from a field gun in the western edge of VAUVILLERS village.*

*The Infantry followed on and the objectives, including the village itself, were successfully taken."*

Arthur's family was deeply affected by the news, especially his Mother, who kept his medal

on show above the fireplace in their living room. His medals were passed down to me, which I had professionally cleaned and mounted. I have also had a duplicate set made which I proudly wear on Remembrance Day, and on other special occasions.

This AGM and conference was the best that we have been to, but being able to go to the dinner in the evening as my uncle, and wear his original medals, made it extra special to me and my sister. Our thanks go to all the organisers for such a magnificent event and weekend.

## Don Steel 1935-2008

There is little doubt that over the last four or five decades, the popular family history movement in Britain was very much inspired and enriched by the activities of Don Steel. His interest in history, and genealogy in particular, started during his childhood when, as a twelve-year old from Mitcham Grammar School, he joined the Society of Genealogists, the youngest member ever to have been admitted. He was a gifted historian and in 1953 this led to a place at Peterhouse, Cambridge University, where he joined Peter Spufford, Malcolm Pinhorn, Anthony Joseph and others in what was then the Cambridge University Society of Genealogists.

After graduation he completed his National Service and then went into teaching firstly in various schools, then at the Berkshire College of Education. By this stage he was an experienced member of the Society of Genealogists where he volunteered to develop the *National Index of Parish Registers*, a major reference work which is still in progress. He was responsible, either wholly or in part, for five volumes of this monumental work. By 1962 he had been elected a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists a distinction rarely conferred on anyone quite so young.

His enthusiasm was such that he made efforts to introduce as many people as possible to the study of their family history. He wrote articles in the *Genealogists' Magazine* emphasising its relationship to demography. He even encouraged the introduction of family history studies in schools and, in conjunction with Lawrence Taylor, published a useful text book on the topic.

By the early 1970s a number of local family history societies had become established and Don with others was instrumental in preparing for the 13th International Congress of Genealogical and Heraldic Sciences, due to be held in London in 1976. This process of bringing together the appropriate organisations resulted in the formation of the Federation of Family History Societies in 1974 with Iain Swinnerton as Chairman and Don Steel as Vice Chairman.

About this time the B.B.C. invited him to join them as Education Officer, based in Bristol. Here he had the unique opportunity to suggest and advise on the 1979 TV production of a family history series devoted to the ancestry of the newsreader Gordon Honeycombe. Naturally, Don wrote the book, entitled, *Discovering Your Family History*, to support the programme. This book, which ran to two editions, remains a model of research methodology and presentation. He also devised the *Trout Game*, a group exercise simulating a typical research problem in which participants had to draw up a descent chart from a sequence of given clues.

The experience of research for the TV programme led Don to join the Guild in the early eighties, when he registered the surname, Honeycombe. Prior to this time he had not appreciated the special attraction of a one-name study but he soon began to devote more of his time to this cause. He was especially active with the Brooking and Sole Societies and regularly attended Guild Seminars and Annual Conferences including at least one when he served as chairman of the organising committee. In more recent times he had been attending family history fairs at venues all over the country always providing helpful advice and offering a very wide range of publications for sale at bargain prices.

For some time he had been suffering from temporal vascular atheritis a condition requiring treatment with steroids which generated adverse side effects. He was admitted to Taunton Hospital where he died peacefully at 11:20 p.m. on 7th April 2008. He was buried at Taunton Deane on 22nd April 2008, in the presence of his family and several of his friends and colleagues from a number of family history societies including the Guild of One-Name Studies. We mourn the loss but cherish the memory of one of the great pioneers of the modern family history world.

Derek Palgrave

# How **NOT** to Design a Website for your One-Name Study

By Steve Whitaker

In these increasingly technological times, in order to bring your study to the widest possible audience, many GOONs are finding it useful to have a site on the World-Wide Web. This allows them to make available the results of their studies and allows other people interested in that name to find them and make those all-important contacts.

However, it is important that your site is well designed. A good website will present a professional appearance, allowing visitors to have confidence in the information that it contains. Easy navigation means that they can find it quickly and lets them contact you easily.

Because of this, the Guild has an annual award for the best one-name study website. As one of the judges for this year's competition, I thought it would be useful to explain why the winners of the website award were chosen. The Editor suggested an article on "How to Design a Website for your One-Name Study". I realised that this would be an impossible task. There is no single "right" way to design a website, just as there are many ways to do a one-name study.

However there are a number of common mistakes that people make that could be avoided with experience and care. Many of the websites in this year's competition made at least one of these. So I decided to write this article in the hope that members would find it useful.

The entries in the Guild Website awards are judged on four main criteria:

## Appearance

It is very important, when you design your website, that you plan in advance how you want it to look. If you need some inspiration, don't be afraid to look at other sites and borrow any ideas that appeal to you. I would particularly recommend the placed entries in this year's awards:

1<sup>st</sup> = [www.speidelfamilygenealogy.com](http://www.speidelfamilygenealogy.com)

2<sup>nd</sup> = [www.gander-name.info](http://www.gander-name.info)

2<sup>nd</sup> = [www.gant-name.org.uk](http://www.gant-name.org.uk)

You should always try to keep the basic layout of your pages consistent, keeping a "Common Look and Feel" from one page to the next. That way, a visitor to the site won't have to keep adjusting to where things are as they move from page to page. On figures 1 and 2, the basic appearance of the Speidel pages — the header, the navigation tabs, the headers and the font — are all common and help to give a sense of identity to the site.

Take care not to put too much information onto a single page, particularly the front page of your site. Each page should represent a single idea; if, by the time someone reaches the end of the page, they've forgotten what was at the start, then your pages

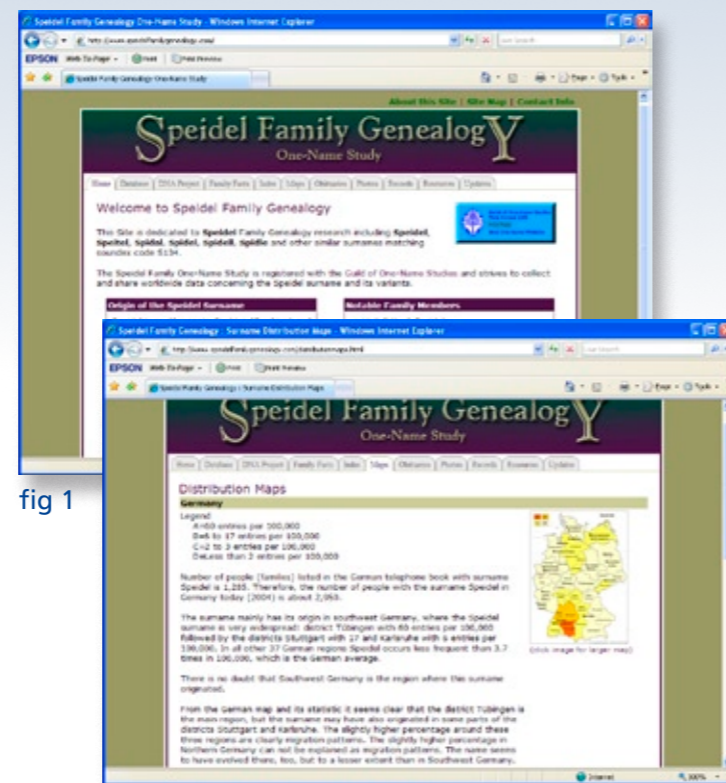


fig 1

fig 2. The award winning Speidel website

are too large. Keeping your pages small means that they will load more quickly. This is an important consideration for those on slow connections. You don't want anyone to give up before they've even started. Also, it stops the viewer feeling overwhelmed with a mass of detail. If their interest is stirred by a particular area, they can link to another page containing more detail on that area. This brings us on to:

## Navigation

A visitor to your site who's looking for something in particular must be able to find it easily; conversely, someone who is just looking around needs to be able to see what's available to pique their interest. These two aims can both be satisfied by listing the areas of your site on each page. In the Speidel study, these are done as tabs under the title; in the Gander study (figure 3), they are on the side. Both are perfectly acceptable, so long as the position and appearance is maintained as part of that Common Look and Feel. You may also wish to have a Contents page or Site map, listing all pages of your site; this is of less use on a small site and needs care to keep it up to date in a large one.

In addition to links within your site, your site should also include links to other sites that might be of interest to the visitor. A link to the Guild website <http://www.one-name.org> is essential, of course, but additionally links to websites created by genealogists interested in your study, areas of the world where the

name is found and record holdings of significance to your study are all possible. However, the World Wide Web is a fluid place and there is no guarantee that a site that you have linked to will remain extant in the future. Regular checks of your external links are therefore essential.



fig 3. The Gander website, showing the areas of the site on the left

## Technology

You might find it odd, but this article is not going to discuss anything about HTML, CSS, Javascript or any other technology. Many thick books have been written about each of these and to attempt to cover any of them in an article of this size would be impossible. If you want to create your own website but would rather spend your money on certificates than on books, there are a number of free guides and resources on the Web. To learn HTML, I recommend <http://www.w3schools.com/html/default.asp> but if you don't get on with that, there are many other tutorials available via your favorite search engine.

Once you've written a page and it looks right in your browser, don't think that it will appear that way to everyone. Remember that people have different screen sizes and resolutions — try adjusting your browser window to check it still looks as you want. It's also worth viewing your site using a different browser. Many users will have Internet Explorer but it's easy and free to download Mozilla Firefox from <http://www.mozilla-europe.org/en/products/firefox> or Opera from <http://www.opera.com/products/desktop>. Figure 4 shows what the Gant study looks like in Firefox.

In addition, you should also validate your pages to ensure they conform to the relevant standard, to ensure that any other browser should display correctly. The official validator for HTML is at <http://validator.w3.org>. It is very easy to use — I strongly recommend you to do so. Don't assume that if you have generated your HTML using a tool rather than writing it by hand, it will be valid — I can almost guarantee that it won't.

One thing to consider: don't feel that just because you can do something, it does not mean that you should. The technology is your servant, not your master. You can write every word in a different colour, but it will make the pages difficult to read and confuse people

who expect coloured writing to link to another page. It's the content that people want.



fig 4. The Gant website viewed with Mozilla Firefox: note the use of thumbnail photos

## Content

What you put onto your website is up to you. Some people are happy to put all of their extracted records and family trees on, others just prefer to ask people to contact them. Here are some suggestions for additional material of interest:

- What are the possible origins of the name?
- Where did it originate? What migration patterns are there? Distribution maps, such as those in figures 2 and 4, are particularly useful.
- Are there any famous current or previous holders of the name? Are there any associated coats of arms?

Whatever you decide to include, make sure that you check your spelling and grammar before uploading. A site full of basic mistakes suggests to the visitor that your information might be in error too. Take the time and, if necessary, get someone else to double-check.

The inclusion of photographs and other images on your website calls for a certain amount of judgment. Too many, and your site will be slow to load, too few and your site will look sparse and unwelcoming.

Those that you do decide to include will need to take up as little space as possible. Try reducing the resolution — one option is to include a smaller, lower resolution thumbnail on the main page and link it to a larger, more detailed version if the user wishes to view it more closely. A resolution of 400-600 dots per inch should be ample for the main picture, 300 for the thumbnail. Also, reducing the colour depth is useful — you don't need a million different colours for most pictures. Finally, choosing the correct format for saving your files can make a significant difference. Photographs are generally better stored as .jpg, maps and line drawings as .png. All of these can be done on an image editor such as Irfanview (available free at <http://www.irfanview.com>).

If you follow all of these guidelines, your website will be a pleasure to visit, and be a long way towards winning the Guild Award for 2009. I look forward to judging your entry.



## Seminar Report - Palaeography

London Metropolitan Archives 10th May

By **Beverly Bergman**

On Saturday 10th May, about 30 intrepid researchers polished their magnifying glasses and spectacles and made their way to the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) for the Guilds Palaeography Seminar. The day was organised by Guild member Dominic Johnson, a palaeography expert, who introduced the proceedings before handing over to Elizabeth Scudder, Principal Archivist at the LMA. Elizabeth began with a presentation on the "do's and don'ts" of researching in an Archives Office and a demonstration of how to handle fragile old documents, bringing this important topic to life through illustrations and even some horror stories. Several examples were handed round, including a once-beautiful handwritten parchment document, which had been used for wrapping a parcel! Even those who were experienced in



handling documents found much to learn from her lively style. During the break, a variety of original documents were on display and could be handled.

### Styles & sybols

Next it was Dominic's turn to introduce the different styles of handwriting in use during the 16th to 18th century period, with intriguing names such as Secretary Hand, Common Law Hand, Chancery Hand and even Bastard Hand (of which the least said, probably the better!). She then described the problems that frequently plague palaeographers such as ink "bleeding through" from the reverse side of the page, as well as the vagaries of spelling prior to the widespread use of dictionaries. Then it was time to move onto the letters themselves, with unfamiliar shapes and, even more confusingly, letters that were not as they appeared to a 21st century reader. If it looks like a t, it is probably a c . . . if it looks like a w, it is probably an r . . . if it looks like a backward 3, it is an



h (or maybe an r)! Then there were the abbreviations, the superscripts, the letters "thorn" þ and "yogh" ȝ. By this time, heads were buzzing and the prospect of eating packed lunches in the nearby park was becoming ever more appealing, but any prospect of relaxation was thwarted by the lunchtime exercise - a "Palaeographic Wordsearch"!

### Workshops

After lunch it was time for the workshop sessions. The original plan had been to divide the group into Beginners, Intermediate and Advanced but after the morning session, no-one wanted to declare themselves as "Advanced"! The workshop groups were ably tutored by Elizabeth and Dominic as well as by Barbara Harvey, and built on the morning session by providing hands-on experience of deciphering old documents. The first document was a deceptively gentle introduction but they soon became more challenging. However everyone was surprised at how quickly they acquired skills in reading apparently impossible handwriting under the patient and expert guidance of the tutors. The realisation by the Intermediate group that they had just deciphered a page from a 1584 parish register was a great boost to morale!

By the end of the workshops, everyone felt much more confident in their ability to approach an old document and start making sense of it and, in particular, to identify names (an essential GOONS skill!).

The day was ably rounded off by Dominic who provided details of useful books to help maintain those new-found palaeographic skills. There are many good websites providing an introduction to palaeography, but this Seminar showed that there is no substitute for hands-on practice with an experienced tutor. ■

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Alternatively try clicking on one of the links to a website. This will open up your web browser with the associated web page displayed.

## In the Next Issue of the Journal:

Digitising your one-name Study.

Hands on Computers -  
Seminar Review

Beginners Start Here:  
The start of a new series of  
articles aimed at those newer to  
one-name studies.

## Your Journal Needs You

By **Keith Bage**



Since the announcement of my Editorship I have had numerous people contact me with their best wishes. Some have suggested that I am brave to take on the Editor's role and others think I must have a screw loose or something. After putting my first issue together I'm beginning to see what they mean. It's certainly made me appreciate all the more, what a fantastic job Roy Stockdill has done over the last 10 years.

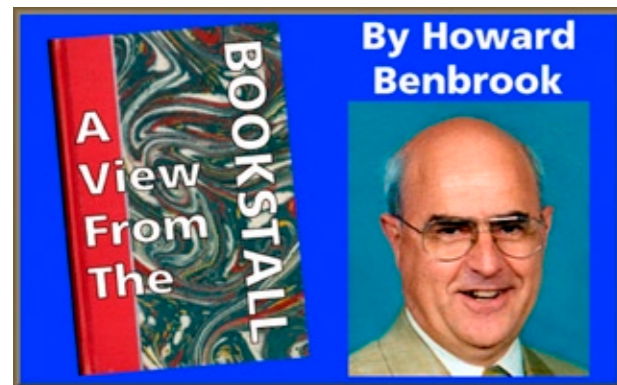
My challenge as the new Editor is not only to maintain the high standards set by Roy but to also improve upon them, hopefully taking the Journal to a new level (Roy would be the first to welcome this I'm sure). In order to do this I need to understand what you as a reader like or dislike about the Journal. Why not tell me, what kind of articles you find most or least interesting? How do you feel about the balance of the Journal? Do you have a specific topic you would like to see covered? All comments are welcomed and will be taken constructively, good or bad.

The Journal is not just about the Editor, it is completely dependant upon contributions from the Guild's membership in terms of the variety and quality of articles. We are lucky in that we have some extremely knowledgeable people within the Guild, but don't let this put you off if you feel less experienced, or that you're not an "expert". Maybe you've uncovered an interesting story others may be interested in, or maybe you have some techniques or methodologies to share. If your an overseas member you may know of a repository or special collection that others would find interesting. Alternatively, if your new to the Guild you could tell us what you think about it so far. All contributions will be welcomed, big or small.

If you have previously submitted an article and have not yet seen it published, please consider sending it to me again. It may have slipped through the net. At this point in time I have no backlog of articles waiting for publication.

I hope this has inspired you to put pen to paper (or fingers to keyboard) and I am looking forward to hearing from you all. Please contact me at Editor@one-name.org or you can send articles via post to:

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# Olympian Heights

Remember Pheidippides? He was the man who ran to Athens to announce that the Persians had landed at Marathon in the 5<sup>th</sup> century, B.C. His legendary run is commemorated in the race that is the modern marathon, one of the highlights of the Olympic Games. Now, it doesn't exactly compare, but The Guild Bookstall has just completed its own Olympian event — the marathon that was 'Who Do You Think You Are? LIVE' at Olympia, West London. It may be small potatoes by comparison, but at the end of the event, as I climbed the stairs of the Olympia car park to pick up the Guild van before loading up and returning home, I was close to comparing my situation with Pheidippides. I'm pleased to say that, unlike him, I'm still here to talk about it!

Well, it certainly was exhausting but, actually, I'm glad that we were there. To be realistic, we **had** to be there. We'd be silly not to. We talked to a huge number of people. And while I'm on that subject, if no-one else mentions it in this issue, I want to give full credit to Barbara Harvey and her team of Guild members who staffed the Guild's own 'Ask the Experts' table, run by the SoG. If it's any reflection on what we should be doing, it offers evidence that there are plenty of people out there who could do with advice — and our members seem very able to give it. Thank you — all of you!

And that's the way that it was on The Guild Bookstall too, during the show. We seemed to be helping lots of people. I loved it. But that wasn't really what I was there to do. I was supposed to be there to make a 'profit' — a contribution to Guild funds. I'm afraid I have to tell you that, and I think for the very first time, I failed. We simply spent more just being there than

we gained in selling the products we had in stock; in other words, we made a loss.

## Next Year

So, for next year, we shall need to consider this carefully. Especially since the organisers (Brand Events) have decided that, apparently caused by the need to refurbish the National Hall at Olympia, they will be changing the date of the event — to the last weekend in February. As I write this, there is a significant debate amongst the FHS stallholders about both the costs (which have inevitably increased) and the contribution they're expected to make. Some are resistant to the shift in the date, especially since that means that some of their volunteers would have to take a day's holiday from their work to be there. There is even talk about trying to mount an alternative event to fit the May Day Holiday weekend. It's too early to tell you what will happen, but I promise to keep you all informed of the decision, once we've worked it all through.

In the meantime, especially for those of you who couldn't be there, here are a few snaps to show you what it was all about (the Chelsea pensioner, of course, is my good friend John Carbis, and others behind the tables are David and Brenda Horwill, Terry Silcock,



Ken Toll, and my wife, Pam, who clearly needs to make a visit to the optician!):



## Those Vouchers

I've mentioned these before, but you might be interested to know that the vouchers available on the Guild Bookstall (for Ancestry.co.uk and FindMyPast.com) are selling quite nicely, thank you. It seems that not everyone is happy to make a commitment to an annual subscription, or to sign up with their credit card on the internet. I'm happy to help them...

## Holy Logos!

Is it a plane? Is it a rocket? No, it's the Guild van! Those of you who attended the Guild Conference will have been able to see the Guild van in its new, full livery. Thanks to a very generous offer by Colin Gronow. (thanks, Colin!), the Guild logo is displayed on both sides and we can be seen even at night...



And I can't resist telling you about one of my neighbours, who, having seen the van parked in my drive for a while, couldn't hold back from asking: "erm... so what is this 'Guild of One-Name Studies', exactly?". If you want to know the value of advertising, you have it there.

## Where We've Been, Where We're Going

Since my last piece, we've been to Plymouth, the Guild Conference in Bideford, Pudsey, Gloucester, Worthing, Olympia and Maidstone. It's now the quiet season for the Bookstall, but we'll soon be on the road to the following:

Wilts FHS Open Day, Trowbridge	Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Yorkshire FH Fair, York	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> June
Bucks FHS Open Day, Aylesbury	Sat 26 <sup>th</sup> July
Kent FHS Open Day, Chatham, Kent	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept

## Thanks to All

It's really great that I can call on so many helpful and knowledgeable members to help behind the Bookstall tables. That insightful expertise gives us an edge when people come to call. And so, of course, I want to acknowledge the contribution made by the following

members in the recent past: Ken Toll, Sheila Jelley, Gerald Cooke, Pat Wilson, Alan Moorhouse, Ken Grubb, Bernard Shambrook, Richard Chilvers, John Darwood, David Probett, Anni Berman, Judy Cooper, Peter Lockwood, Sandra Turner, Ken Mycock, Victor Medlock, Margaret Allum, Barbara Harvey, Roy Rayment, Susan Atkins, Richard Heaton, Denise Bright, Will Messenger, Bob Cumberbatch, Michael Walker, Terry Silcock, David & Brenda Horwill, Cliff Kemball and, of course, Ron Woodhouse and his wife, Gwen. Phew! I just hope I didn't miss anyone out... Thank you, all of you.

*If you'd like to contact Howard about any of the items he holds on The Guild Bookstall or to volunteer to help, you can write to him at [bookstall@one-name.org](mailto:bookstall@one-name.org), or 7 Amber Hill, Camberley, Surrey, GU15 1EB, U.K.*

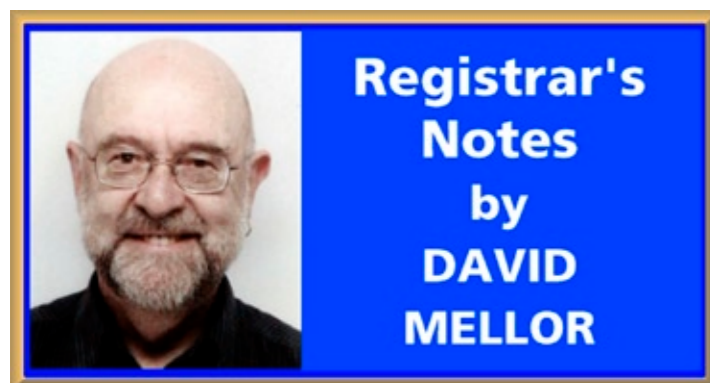
## Hands-On Computer Seminar — Durham University 9<sup>th</sup> Aug 08 Data Capture from the Internet - for One Name Studies

The scope includes tools, methods and tips for minimising the pain of bulk capture from web-sites, coupled with the use of Excel etc to tidy up the data sheets and make maximum use of hidden URLs. There will be several short presentations and an opportunity to practice, and it is also planned that several of us will be able to exchange a wide range of good experiences in this area. The main demonstrators are Chris Broadhurst who developed the Web Tabular Garner program, and GOONS members Polly Rubery, Andrew Millard and Gordon Adshead. Attendees who need to travel some distance, may like to make use the very reasonably priced accommodation in the nearby Gray College.

Topics covered include:-

- Overview of Sites; Ancestry, FMP, FBMD, Local BMDs, Genes Reunited etc
- Getting the Maximum on the screen
- WTG — Web Tabular Garner
- Tidying the worksheet after Cut and Paste
- Useful Excel functions & writing and using macros to get useful meaning from hidden URLs
- Comparing files to deduce changes
- Screen Capture
- Drawing Trees
- Problems with newer sites etc.

For further details and how to book, go to the Guild web site and look under Events. As there is a strong requirement to balance our need to commit to University resources and accommodation it would be very useful if (even not committed) potential attendees could register an early interest in attending by sending an E-Mail to [seminar-booking@one-name.org](mailto:seminar-booking@one-name.org)



## Registrar's Notes by DAVID MELLOR

**"The only reward of virtue is virtue."  
(Ralph Waldo Emerson 1803-1882,  
American essayist, philosopher and poet)**

**"Virtue is an insufficient temptation"  
(George Bernard Shaw 1856-1950,  
Irish playwright)**

Three months ago I decided to be virtuous for a change. Before you leap to the wrong conclusions, I must quickly say that I am referring only to my one-name study and its contribution to the Guild's searchable Indexes and Archives. Like most of us I spend a lot of time adding data to my own one-name study, but once in a while my conscience pricks me; shouldn't I be doing more to pass on some of the information I have collected to other family history and one-name researchers? The Guild's searchable Indexes and Archives have been set up to provide suitable repositories for such information. In addition to the well established Guild Marriage Index, Guild Profiles and Guild Electronic Archive, we now have the recently added Guild Probate Index. Also provision has been made recently to add British census data to the Guild Electronic Archive along with the civil registration and probate data it was already able to accept.

### March

"So what have you actually done over the last three months" I hear you ask. A year or so ago I had sent all the marriage information I had collected from the GRO Indexes for my one-name study to Mary Rix for inclusion in the Guild Marriage Index. Since then I have added many more spouse names and some dates and places and so the time had come to send her an

updated file which I did in March. It is these spouse names that make the Guild Marriage Index so valuable for other one-namers and family historians.

### April

In April I checked in the Member's Room on the Guild website for the requirements for contributions to the Guild Probate Index. Information can be from a copy of a will held by a member or from extracted details of probate indexes such as the British National Probate Calendars. All probate years can be included up to 1967 and all countries in the world. The will or index entry must contain at least one referenced person whose surname is different from that of the testator. Then a file should be made with an entry for each referenced person giving his or her role in the will (eg beneficiary, executor, witness, inventory-taker etc) and any relationship with the testator. Information about the will and the testator is also recorded. I only have about 20 copy wills so most of my returns were from information extracted from the National Probate Calendars. Perhaps this is why I did not find the task too onerous; it would have been more difficult if I had collected a lot of copy wills over the years. After making up the file I sent it to the Guild Probate Index Coordinator, Barbara Harvey and got a nice email in return.

## The Last Three Months

### May

Feeling pleased with myself, I decided in May to contribute to the new census store in the Guild Electronic Archive. Again I checked in the Member's Room on the Guild website for the requirements and plumped to start with the 1881 census for England and Wales. However this time I found myself frequently side-tracked as I took the opportunity every now and then to "mop up" entries to add to my reconstructed family trees. Although this exercise was very valuable for my one-name study, it caused major delays and so, at the time of writing, I have only uploaded my file for the 1881 census and still have the 1841, 1851, 1861, 1871, 1891 and 1901 censuses outstanding. So much to do, so little time!

### Near Future

Emerson may well be right, but I quite like the warm feeling that virtue bestows, perhaps because I am not overly familiar with it. I plan to add my missing censuses in the near future. Maybe then I will have had my fill of virtue and will agree with Shaw that it is, after all, an insufficient temptation. ■

Members may notice that there is no Register supplement with this issue of the Journal. The Committee has decided to cease the publication of the supplements, as the feeling is that they are little used and yet expensive to produce.



## Marriage Challenge Update

By **Peter Copsey**

To help them in their Challenge, Mary Rix, who is in charge of the Guild Marriage Index (GMI), usually sends Challengers the list of all marriages in the GMI for their chosen Registration District. This listing may be helpful as some of the marriages will have the church identified. It can be a first step in understanding the order of Anglican churches in the GRO index.

Furthermore, several Challengers kindly include all GMI entries in their search list. When a marriage is found that is on the GMI but not otherwise requested, the Challenger will note down the basic information (date, church, spouse). This information is then sent back to Mary for her to update the GMI.

There are several members who send their marriages to the Guild Marriage Index (GMI) but do

not send requests into Marriage Challenge. Approximately once a year Mary sends out members' GMI listing asking them to update it. It must come as a pleasant surprise to find that several marriages, previously unfound, now have the place, date and spouse identified. These marriages have been found during a Marriage Challenge. But be aware that a search of the GMI through the Guild website does not display one's own marriages - only the spouse field is searched, not the one-name field; it will not show the new information.

So if your one-name is Patrick, Corbett, Cotton, Merrett, Bessant, Southwood, Bradley, Grubb, Pointing, Rudrum, Sterry, Churchward, Cathcart, Thatcher, Raynham and many more (names taken from my on-going Lambeth MC) the GMI has more in it than perhaps you realise. You should wait until you receive your GMI list from Mary

and you might find more information on her list than you put in. If you cannot wait until you receive your list from Mary, you may wish to e-mail her on marriage-index@one-name.org.

Why not volunteer to become a Challenger. If you are interested and would like to know more about what it involves, please contact me at: - marriage-challenge@one-name.org

For more information on Marriage Challenge see the article in the Journal of October - December 2005.

Here is the list of forthcoming Challenges. All Guild members are encouraged to send requests to the Challengers by e-mail or post (address in Register). Send the information extracted from the GRO index for the named Registration District between the years given (Year, Quarter, Surname, First names, Full GRO reference). Challengers will search for and often find your marriages in the deposited church registers and then send you the full particulars. ■

Registration District and Period	Requests Deadline	Challenger	Challenger's e-mail
Chertsey 1837 - 1911	21 <sup>st</sup> July	Shirley Forster	elwick@one-name.org
Wareham 1837 - 1911	27 <sup>th</sup> July	Mary Brinson	pride@one-name.org
Uckfield 1837 - 1911	30 <sup>th</sup> August	Roger Goacher	goacher@one-name.org
Tiverton 1837 - 1911	15 <sup>th</sup> September	Barbara Roach	gimlett@btinternet.com

## More Future Guild Seminars

### 15th November 2008 — SOME HELPFUL SOURCES — Pre 1800

Guild Pre 19th Century Sources Seminar: **Poundbury, Dorset**. Focussing on the pre civil registration and census period, speakers will be talking about sources to take your study further back in time. Lead speaker at this event will be Colin Chapman FSG.

### 21st February 2009 — GOT A ONE-NAME STUDY PROBLEM — NETWORK A SOLUTION

Guild Poster Seminar: **London**. We can all learn from each other. Along the lines of international workshops, every attendee will mount a poster or laptop display or make a mini-presentation, either posing a question or plea for help or demonstrating something they feel will be of use to other Guild Members.

### 16th May 2009 — RESEARCHING YOUR NAME OUTSIDE THE UK

Guild Non-UK Sources Seminar: **Hampsthwaite Hall near Harrogate, Yorkshire**. This seminar will be focusing on the material available outside of the UK with special attention to details sought by people with a one-name study.



# Legacy 7.0 Family Tree

By **Keith Bage**

## Software Review

Legacy users have been waiting for the arrival of Legacy 7 for some time. Originally promised for late 2007 it's been a while coming, with delays sometimes causing frustration in the Legacy community. Version 7 features were shrouded in secrecy (understandably so), but now the wait is over and the Guild is amongst the first to receive a copy for review. So, has the wait been worth it?

### Background

Legacy comes in two versions, Standard and Deluxe. The Standard version is completely free and can be downloaded from the Legacy website. The Standard version is great for the casual genealogist or for those who don't require some of the more advanced functionality. However I think it is the Deluxe version with its rich feature set that would appeal more to Guild members, so I will be focusing on what's new in Legacy 7 Deluxe.

### Mapping

The first of the new version 7 features is mapping. Essentially Legacy 7 now incorporates the Microsoft Virtual Earth™ tool into Legacy 7. In order to use the mapping feature the user must have Internet Explorer 7 installed on their computer. Users should note that whilst this is needed for the mapping features, users can continue to use other browsers such as Firefox or Opera for general internet use.

The master location list (fig 1) has been completely revamped to incorporate mapping (which can be turned on or off). With mapping turned on a map is displayed of any location selected in the master list. Virtual Earth will automatically determine a push pin for the location and place it on the map. If for some reason virtual earth has incorrectly positioned the pin you



fig 1

can right click to determine your own placement for the pin.

The Virtual Earth interface enables you to pan and zoom the map as you wish. In addition there are a range of "views" available, including 2D, 3D, Road, Aerial & Birds Eye, with each showing the map from a different perspective.

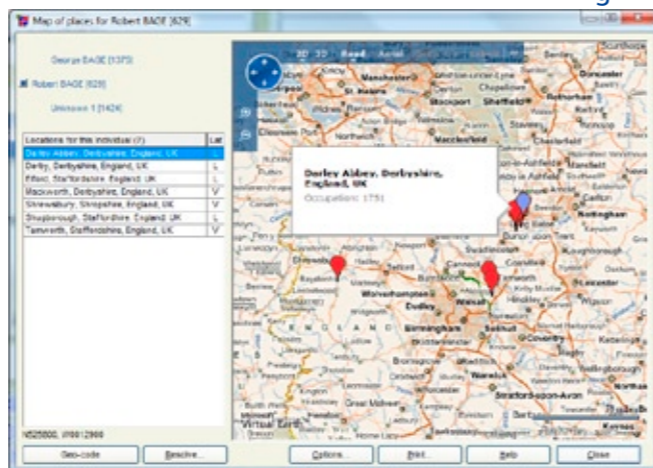
Another welcome addition to the master location list is the ability to see a list of the people associated with each location. Having all this information contained in one screen is great.

The second (and probably the best) use of mapping is the ability to select an individual and display a map of all the individuals events (fig 2). As well as the typical birth, marriage & death events you can also map any other recorded events or facts that include a location such as census, residences, military events and so on. In addition to the individuals events you can also include events for parents

and children, though these are limited to birth and death events only. This is an extremely useful feature and helps to understand and appreciate an individuals movements or migration path. It would have been nice to be able to map ALL locations in your database to visualise in one map, but this is probably asking a little too much.

Users wanting to see this mapping feature in action or any of the other new features in Legacy 7 can view the "What's New in Legacy 7" video at <http://www.legacyfamilytree.net/videos/new7/What'sNewInLegacy7.html>

fig 2

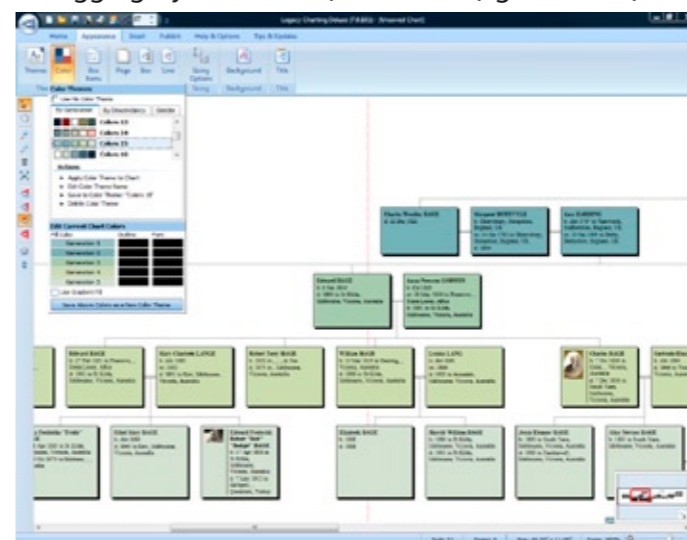


### Charting

One of Legacy's biggest short comings in recent years has been the lack of a good charting package. Whilst it has scored highly on narrative reporting and other more textual based reports, many users felt it necessary to either export data into other packages or purchase add-on packages such as Legacy Charting Companion or Treedraw. With the release of Legacy 7 Millennia have added their own charting tool called Legacy Charting. This is actually a separate program which seamlessly integrates with the main Legacy 7 program. Whilst Legacy Charting comes as part of your version 7 purchase I understand that Millennia intend to also offer this as a stand alone program to users of other applications. By default it can import data from GEDCOM, PAF, FTM & Roots Magic as well as Legacy.

A wide range of chart types are available within Legacy Charting. There are 5 ancestor type charts, 2 descendant type charts and 4 DNA related charts (two for male, including carriers only and two for female lines). There are a further 4 fan type charts as well as an hourglass and bow tie chart. All in all a pretty comprehensive list.

The interface for Legacy Charting is completely different to that of Legacy 7 itself and effectively imitates Microsoft's Office 2007 ribbon type interface for those of you familiar with it. It's a very clean looking interface with functions sorted into appropriate tabs. All of the expected functions are here, zooming, dragging by entire tree, entire line, generation, box



etc. There's also the ability to add comment boxes, pictures, backgrounds and titles. Somewhat more unusual is the ability to create and assign themes. These can contain a combination of fonts, colours, box styles and line styles. One of my favourite features is that you can update Legacy with information while working on a chart and the changes can immediately be reflected in Legacy Charting at the press of a button without the need to recreate the chart.

### Source Writer

I've always found Legacy to be pretty good at sourcing in previous versions however Millennia have seen fit to implement a new sourcing tool into the program called Source Writer. Source writer walks

you through a wizard to create both master sources and source detail. The wizard uses templates based around the Elizabeth Shown Mills book 'Evidence Explained'. The first step is to create a master source using one of the templates. There's a good range of templates covering a host of areas including the more awkward ones such as e-mail and online resources. The only disappointment here is that the templates are a little too US centric and don't include specific templates for UK census or civil registration. You can get by on the more generic templates without too much trouble though and there are indications that further templates will be developed, though I would have preferred to see an option to create my own.

Once you have chosen the template to use you move onto step two which shows a raft of fields to complete based upon the chosen template. For instance choosing the e-mail template gives me sixteen possible entry fields from subject line, e-mail address & recorded date to writers & recipients cities. As you type data into each of the fields the source citation is built up on screen in real time showing differing previews for Footnote/Endnote, Subsequent citation & Bibliography. This makes it incredibly easy to see exactly how your source citation is going to look when output. The user can also add multimedia content, comments and citation overrides amongst other things.

### Interview Center

Another new feature is the Interview Center. This is a tool to help you build an interview questionnaire and has hundreds of interview questions to choose from. Questions are displayed in a "file browser" type window grouped by topic with a checkbox besides each question. The user simply checks the required questions and outputs the report. This formulates the chosen questions into a structured output to be used when carrying out interviews with relatives.

### Other Features

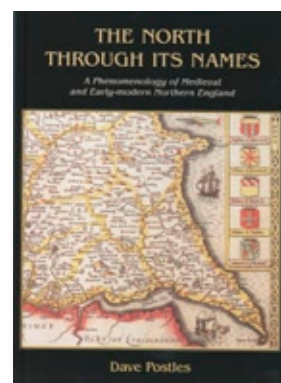
There are a number of smaller improvements in Legacy 7 which the scope of this review can't cover. These include a relationship calculator which can calculate the relationship between any two people and not only those connected through blood lines. Work has also been done to incorporate married names into the names index and reporting. This automatically adds an entry for all married females and reduces the need to create AKA's. In addition, searching is now more powerful with the ability to search for individuals with missing data such as incomplete names, or missing births, deaths or sources. You can now also attach any kind of document including PDF's, Word documents etc.

### Conclusion

The addition of Legacy Charting makes Legacy a more complete package than before and I really struggle to think of any feature that other packages have that Legacy doesn't. Millennia continue to impress me with their innovation with features such as the new integrated mapping. With such a rich feature set this software represents outstanding value at just \$29.95.

# Reviews Reviews

New genealogy books and CDs



**THE NORTH THROUGH ITS NAMES (English Surnames Survey Volume 8) by Dave Postles. Hardback, 256 pages, ISBN 978-1-84217-176-9, published by Oxbow Books, Oxford in 2007, price £35.00**

This well produced book is the eighth in the English Surname Survey (ESS) series and, as hinted at by the author, may be the last. The ESS was inaugurated in the mid-1960s with the objective of producing a picture of English surname patterns on a county by county basis. However it gradually became apparent that counties were an artificial administrative unit for surname research and that a regional approach would be more appropriate. The author's thesis is that the North of England constitutes such a region and that it can be shown that many of its surnames have evolved differently from the rest of the country. Using mainly name occurrences from fourteenth century lay subsidy and poll tax rolls, Dave Postles has analysed the geographical distribution of different aspects of these names. At this time most names would have been unstable bynames which were gradually to become stable bynames and then hereditary surnames over the next century.

After the introduction, successive chapters look at bynames derived from parent's given names (patronymics and metronymics), occupations, personal names, topological features, place names and nicknames. Northern patronymics and metronymics tend to be of the suffix '-son' type

(Johnson, Jackson, Williamson, Wilson, Robson, Dobson, Hobson, Thomson, Dyson, Megson, Nelson, Sarson etc) whereas in the rest of the country they are more likely to be 'appositional',

either without any addition (William, Richard, Robb, Hobb etc) or with the genitive inflection (Williams, Richards, Robbs, Hobbs etc).

Servants or employees in the north were often referred to by their master's name followed by the suffix '-man' but this was rarely seen in the south of England. The northern occupational bynames of Thakker, Badger, Greave and Walker were seen as

Thatcher, Chapman, Reeve and Tucker elsewhere.

Postles suggests that insular given names (i.e. those in use before the Norman invasion) persisted longer in the north of the country and were more likely to evolve into bynames and subsequently hereditary surnames such as Bond, Swein, Swan, Colstan, Harding, Gamel, Leofric, Laverok, Thorald, Ulfe and Dolfin.

Topological names in the north tended to have the prefix 'del-', 'dil-' or 'de-' whereas the prefix 'atte-' was commoner in the rest of the country. This applied whether the byname was a topological feature (e.g. del Wode, dil Stones) or a place name (e.g. del Helme, de Thornes)

This is a difficult book to read as the author's prose style is often impenetrable, rambling and pretentious. Here is an example from the introduction: "How a space or place is considered - represented - as having a singular and particular characteristic is itself a discourse of authority against another. This metonymy of place — defining it by singular characteristics — privileges one perspective — an external one imbued with authority — over others, usually the experience of space or place." Also I thought much of the data on which the conclusions were based was not well analysed or was poorly presented or both. The legends for many of the scatter maps were rudimentary or non-existent. Only limited original data is presented and so this does not allow for any re-assessment of the conclusions reached by the study. I would find it difficult to recommend this book whole-heartedly to anyone other than the most dedicated student of surnames. ■

**David Mellor**

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## One-Name MAIL

### A.G.M. and Conference Postscript, a personal view.

A chance remark by a long standing member, at a seminar some months ago, about a family moving from Norwich to Rossendale prior to 1881 set me thinking. I have worked in the Rossendale valley for many years before retiring so maybe I can help? A brief email with details of the family and their residence allowed me to find a map of the area at Bacup library, to photocopy it and then to find the building, which surprisingly is still in existence, despite being a back to back residence. I was able to photograph the actual house in the terrace as well as the cellar dwellings below which were occupied in 1881. I also photographed the local mills, built of stout Pennine sandstone and originally used for the woolen trade, but now some are derelict. At the AGM. I was able to download the photos and explain where each one was taken.

On my arrival at the conference a marriage certificate was pressed into my hand by a very kind member who has been doing a marriage challenge many miles away from me, so a huge thank you!!

Another hard working and tireless member gave me 150 A3 sheets of wills from TNA., which would be almost prohibitively expensive in travel costs plus time, plus photocopying costs, so a huge thank-you for that. This is what I gained from the conference plus the enjoyment of meeting up with friends old and new, this is what it's all about for me. I do urge any member to make serious plans to attend next year at Peterborough.

Meanwhile ask not what the guild can do for you; but what can you do for the guild, (with apologies to JFK.). Have you added your data to the marriage index, if not why not do it today? Can you add to the wills index, or even help with inputting data. Could you take on a marriage challenge or help with one? These are all community actions that help to bring the diverse membership together which is part of the greatness of the guild. ■

**Rodney Brackstone, #2276**

### The NEGATIVE value of yDNA

I write to congratulate Ross Cotton on the excellent account of his DNA study in the Journal which arrived recently. My own study had similar results. Like his I obtained the DNA of representatives of a Viscount, the kin of an extinct Baronetcy and two Barons, but unlike his I was able to show that I did not descend from any of these.

My results were published in a paper I presented to the 25th Int.Congress of Heraldry and Genealogy in Dublin in 2002 and the Irish Genealogist [ISSN0306-8358] carried a series of articles on DNA, inc. mine, in vol.11 No.2 of 2003.

I set out to prove that there were at least five families of Irish Prestons- not just one as had been stated by a former Chief Herald of Ireland in his book on Irish family names. I also proved that the current representatives of two ancient Preston families from

Lancashire did not, as is claimed in Lodge's Peerage, have common roots. I did find identical yDNA in two families who were unaware of their kinship. On the bright side I was able to show that my yDNA might be that of another 5th family of which no known heirs are known. As I know where the bodies of pre-Jacobite 17thC are interred, a tooth might prove positively beneficial.

So it is now my view that one important, but ignored benefit of DNA study is the negative proof that two individual males DO NOT SHARE a mutual forefather.

This may lead to complications, for some sample donors may become disillusioned. I had one potential donor of a sample who knew that although they carried the name and arms there had been alternative paternity in earlier generations. Some 10% of same-name sibling males did not have the same yDNA in 2005 in an EEC maternity clinic.

One sample I did not get lived in Ontario - Wg Cdr Wallace MacAlpine of Agincourt.

His Preston grandparents were orphaned and adopted by Judge MacAlpine whose wife was a Preston. They were Empire Loyalists. I wonder did you get any name changed Cottons?

I wondered if the derivation of Cotton is Cott as in small house or Ton-farm. Or if Cot is cote meaning by the side of (say a river or town)? Preston is a Priest's Farm. I know of at least 27 such!

I note that Cumbermere was an abbey and the family rose in the late Tudor Courts. Cotton was at the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries close to the pickings. I wondered why you quoted De-Brett rather than Burke. In Burke's General Armory 1840 there were 34 Cotton/Cotin/Coton coats of arms. Many a hank of cotton, others Eagles and Griffins. ■

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