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Chairman’s 2008 AGM Report

A s 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 having 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 grandchildren. Fortunately, I have been in the position to take early retirement and full time employment, which has allowed me to take on a number of voluntary roles both within and outside of the Guild, and as such I am delighted to have been asked to take on this role.

The committee has decided to co-opt Ken Toll who was appointed as 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 the sub committees and also to the review 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 on the Committee is continuing in an important role as Bookstore Manager. All other appointments can be found in the members room of the Guild site.

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 year’s conference will be held at Peterborough from 17th to 19th April and we will be celebrating our 30th birthday - make a note in your diary now!

Guild Services

I hope that in 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 been able to establish a family back to the 18th century in a North Hertfordshire village, from where my eldest ancestors originated. So have a look at the Marriage Challenge Project elsewhere in this issue and take part.

The Guild’s DNA position paper has now been agreed and as such we will continue to work with 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 new discounts at Cousins who have now introduced a special facility for one namers.

Chairman Peter Walker’s report to the 2008 AGM can be found on the following pages published almost in its entirety. 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, drafted minutes, as well as confirmed minutes, are now published.

Membership

151 members joined or rejoined the Guild in the last financial year; while we lost some 116 members for all the 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 7690 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) and Marketing (led by Ken Toll) and a new subcommittee on Information Technology (led by Roy Rayment) 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 sub-committees 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 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, drafted minutes, as well as confirmed minutes, are now published.

Marketing

The Guild continues to advertise Member’s studies in the leading UK Genealogica 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 Ann Shankland. Additionally, several talks on One-Name Studies have been given to family history societies, including talks at the Societies 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 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 have written to us, providing very interesting feedback on their DNA studies.

Again 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 Museum and Art Gallery.

There has been much useful feedback from the revised comment forms, which on top of...
Regional Reps

We now have 49 Regional Reps working on your behalf, having lost 10 and gained 9 during the year — we are grateful to all Regional Reps and our Regional Reps newsletter via the Guild Website and most of the speakers have allowed us to mount summaries or their areas in these newsletters.

As well as greeting and supporting members in their area, many have assisted by promoting the Guild at local events in their area such as a lecture at a Guild seminar 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.

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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.

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. Each marker is developed by a server. The web server creates the profile and sends the DNA to the appropriate server. The computer compares the DNA to other DNA profiles, and creates a DNA profile. The DNA profile is then compared to other DNA profiles, and the results are displayed on a computer screen. The computer compares the DNA to other DNA profiles, and creates a DNA profile. The DNA profile is then compared to other DNA profiles, and the results are displayed on a computer screen.
Combining the information about which family trees are recorded 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 resources, DNA testing will provide additional information, as well as an opportunity to validate the family trees currently. From a genealogical perspective, DNA testing has many applications, too numerous to list here. These include confirming migrations, and sorting out multiple families that are 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 accident, and 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 genealogists, 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.

To start a project now is that some one else may start a DNA Project for your registered surname. If this occurs, where someone has started a project for your registered surname(s), you may need to be aware of the implications and 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 different vendor, 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 surname. 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 surname. This problem can usually be solved.

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
   The vendor will provide 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 a 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 same 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 DNA option, and you want the Guild logo to appear on your project profile, please contact 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
- 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 your Project web site to your Guild Profile, and vice versa.

Further Reading


Free monthly educational newsletter from Family TreeDNA - http://www.familytreedna.com/fregis-ter.aspx

Past Issues of the FamilyTreeDNA newsletter
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 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 negatives was left to the WSRO to be preserved for future generations. 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 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-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 20th 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.

This article is based on an information leaflet produced by the West Sussex Record Office. It and the photographs accompanying the article are reproduced with kind permission of the WSRO.
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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 much greater depth.

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.

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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.

Some of Master Jake’s “medical” implements.

Dr Alan Dodge

David Hawkings

Inspector Simon Dell

Dr Michael Braund

Janet Few

Caroline Verney

After 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 resource.

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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”
Above: Conference Venue, The Durant House Hotel

Above & Right: Delegates enjoying the Banquest

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 (the Association manager), has 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 were pleasantly surprised to note that they are like gold dust to find but successful. They are interested in the Browning pistol & uniforms. The Red Cross uniform of a nurse in the Second World War.

Arthur's sister, our Aunt Edith, who served in the Tank Corps during World War One. We as Arthur), who served in the Tank Corps. Arthur volunteered for the Tank Corps in 1914. 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, was when they received a decoration, were killed, missing or badly injured. We do have details of two actions that were 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 M.KV 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 Memorial on the hill that was taken outside Le Hamel, reads:

"The Model Battle
The attack began at 3.10pm and gained maximum 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."

"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 unobstructed. The Tanks were immediately overhauled and arrived at the assembly point, which was an area of large N. of HARBONNIERS, just W. of the HARBONNIERS-PROYART road, by 10.30 am."

"Arthur's family was deeply affected by the news, especially my Mother, who kept his medals 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."

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.

Don Steel 1935-2008

There is little doubt about 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, 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 London University, where he later, with 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 the University of Cambridge. 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 was still published by the University, where he was registrar, 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 was instrumental in preparing the 13 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 lain Swithinert as Chairman and Don Steel as Vice Chairman.

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Don Steel was born on the 21st September 1935 in Dereham a small village in Norfolk, 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 1887 in West Dereham a small village in Norfolk. They moved to a small hamlet called Roxham (where my Father Harry was born on the 25th July 1902) and then to a small holding in Runcot Holme where Arthur's sister Edith was born on the 24th April 1887.

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 for it. 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.

The search was on to find original uniforms. The Red Cross uniform of a nurse in the Second World War.
How 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:

1st = www.gander-name.info
2nd = 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 are too large. Keeping your pages small means that they will load more quickly. This is an important consideration for both the user and you. 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 the future. Regular checks of your external links are therefore essential.

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.

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 the site on a different browser. Many users will have Internet Explorer but it’s easy and free to download Mozilla Firefox from http://www.mozilla.org/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 add anything, 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.

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 can seem 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.
On Saturday 10th May, about 30 intrepid researchers pulled 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 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.

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**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.

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In the Next Issue of the Journal:

**Semantic Indexing**

**Topics for Discussion**

**Journal Review**

**Journal of One-Name Studies**

By Beverly Bergman

London Metropolitan Archives 10th May

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.

**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 dependent 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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England.
R
nenmbert Pheidippides? He was the man who ran to noth-
ing home, I was close to compar-
son, but at the end of the event,

Ken Toll, and my wife, Pam, who
clearly needs to make a visit to the

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
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 all was about (the Chelsea
car park, of course), is my good friend John
Carbis, and the Chelsea pensioner, of course,

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, or 7 Amber Hill, Camberley,
Surrey, GU15 1EB, U.K.

Hands-On Computer Seminar — Durham University 9th 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 accommo-
dation 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

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:

Wilt’s FHS Open Day,
Trowbridge Sat 21st June
Yorkshire FH Fair,
York Sat 28th June
Bucks FHS Open Day,
Aylesbury Sat 26th July
Kent FHS Open Day,
Chatham, Kent Sat 6th Sept

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.

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

To be realistic, we had to be to
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 very 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

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
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...

where the Persians had landed at Marathon in
the 5th 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 Olymp-
ian event — the marathon that
was ‘Who Do You Think You Are? LIVE’ at Olympia, West London. It
may be small potatoes by compari-
son, but at the end of the event,
as I climbed the stairs of the Olympi-
ia car park to pick up the Guild
van before loading up and return-
ing home, I was close to compar-

We’re Going

Title: Hands-On Computer Seminar — Durham University 9th Aug 08 Data Capture from the Internet - for One Name Studies

From: Journal of One-Name Studies, July-September 2008

To: [Your Email Address]

Subject: Hands-On Computer Seminar — Durham University 9th Aug 08 Data Capture from the Internet - for One Name Studies

Dear [Your Name],

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to share some exciting news with you about an upcoming event that is of particular interest to our community. The Hands-On Computer Seminar — Durham University 9th Aug 08 is focusing on Data Capture from the Internet - for One Name Studies.

The seminar aims to provide practical tools, methods, and tips for minimizing 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. It will involve several short presentations and an opportunity for hands-on practice. The seminar is planned to be interactive, allowing participants to exchange experiences and insights.

The main demonstrators will include Chris Broadhurst, who developed the Web Tabular Garner program, and various members of the GOONS group like Polly Rubery, Andrew Millard, and Gordon Adshead. They will share their expertise and answer questions from attendees.

If you are interested in attending this seminar, I would strongly encourage you to register as soon as possible. This is an excellent opportunity to enhance your skills in data capture and analysis, and it's also a great way to network with fellow enthusiasts.

For more details and to register, please visit the website [link to the seminar page].

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Best regards,

[Your Name]
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. Provision has been made recently 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!

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.

May
Feeling pleased with myself, I decided in May to contribute to the new store census 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.

More Future Guild Seminars

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.

15th November 2008 — SOME HELPFUL SOURCES Pre 1800
Guild Pre 19th Century Sources Seminar: Poundbury, Dorset. Focusing 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.

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.

Marriage Challenge Update

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 membership listings 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, Bradway, Grub, Pointing, Rudrum, Sterry, Churchward, Catcath, Thatcher, Rayham and many more (names taken from my ongoing 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 chosen Registration Period and Registration District. Members may notice that there is no Register supplement with this challenge.

- Chertsey 1837 - 1911 21st July Shirley Forster elwick@one-name.org
- Wareham 1837 - 1911 27th July Mary Brinson pride@one-name.org
- Uckfield 1837 - 1911 30th August Roger Goacher goacher@one-name.org
- Tiverton 1837 - 1911 15th September Barbara Roach gimlett@btinternet.com

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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 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 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 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 been incorrectly positioned the pin you 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.com/videos/new7/WhatsNewInLegacy7.html.

Charging
One of Legacy’s biggest short coming in recent years has been the lack of a good chartering 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 Treeyard. 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 offer this as a stand alone program to users of other applications. By default it can import data from GEDCOM, PAF, FTW & 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, boxes 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 sources and 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 available 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 to step two which shows a raft of fields to complete based upon the chosen template. For instance choosing the e-mail template gives me space to enter the name, address & record 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 interview as a Word document. What’s new is that for those who don’t require some of the more advanced functionality there is a wizard to help you build an interview questionnaire. 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 just 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 type 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 innovative updates such as the new integrated mapping. With such a rich feature set this software represents outstanding value at just $29.95.
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, Sweeney, Swan, Colston, 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

Do you have a book or other publication you would like reviewed? Are you a software developer who would like your software appraising? Or maybe you’ve produced a data CD you think one-namers would be interested in.

I would be interested to receive copies of any of the above for review.

Please send to:
Keith Bage, 60 Fitzgerald Close
Ely, Cambridge, CB7 4QD

Meanwhile ask not what the guild can do for you, but what you can 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 patrony 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 Wigton, 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 if he has ever got any name changes Cottons?

I wondered if the derivation of Cotton is Cott as in small house or Ton-farm. Or if Cot is cote meaning the flat roof of a barn or cottage? Cott is Cott as in small house or Cot as in Cottrell.

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手臂 of 1840 there were 34 Cotton/Cotin/Cotton coats of arms. Many a hank of cotton, others Eagles and Grifins.

Prof Thomas Preston, #4686

One-Name MAIL

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

A chance remark by a long standing member, at a seminar somewhere, some time ago, about a family moving from Norwich to Rosendal prior to 1881 set me thinking. I have worked in the Rosendal 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 cellars 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 have been a 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.
Fancy Dress winners of the 2008 Guild AGM/Conference “Lark Rise to Camberwick Green”

Ann Lidstone, Wendy Hanson, Maureen Selley, John Hanson, Joan Sparks, Michael Bunting, Jeanne Bunting, Graham Walter.

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