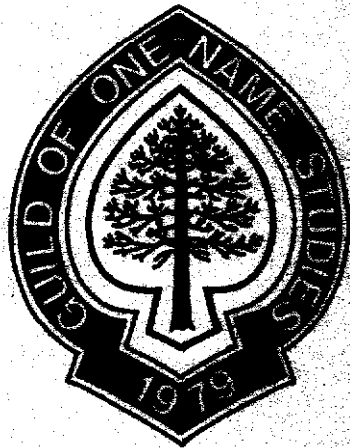


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FROM THE CHAIRMAN

It is not my intention to deliver a homily every time this publication appears just because I am your Chairman. However, I cannot let this occasion pass without some comment about our new format.

I very much hope it will meet with your approval. I would like to thank Frank Higenbottam, for his efforts in giving our magazine a new face and style, and Mrs Reson who has typed so many duplicator skins for the Guild.

The use of offset-litho is more versatile than our previous method and we can include photographs if we wish. I am sure Fred Filby will be very much relieved by our decision as up to now he has been our printer. It is he who has been operating a duplicator in one of his bedrooms, collating the sheets and, in conjunction with his wife, inserting them in envelopes and sending them out to us through the post. This was a monumental task and one which we appreciate. When you think about it, Fred has been carrying all of us about. Without Fred very little would have been achieved.

With Fred having contributed so much perhaps we should all ask ourselves what we have done towards the Guild's well-being. Have we volunteered to take on projects of value to the Guild; have we offered to stand for office and take a share in the administration of this growing organisation?

I hope that 1982 will see the Guild making further progress in encouraging those who have embarked upon One-Name research as their response to the need to establish their family history. Best wishes to you all.

Derek A. Palgrave.

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#### FROM THE EDITOR'S CHAIR

This is the first issue of the Guild Journal in its new format, reproduced by Mickleprint of Canterbury by photo offset-litho. Our Chairman has already mentioned the help given by Mrs Muriel Reson (publisher of The Coplestone Family Newsletter) in cutting the stencils for the Newsletter and I should like to add my own thanks to her. We are however indebted to Mrs Alice Humphery-Smith, who has kindly prepared the text of the present issue of the Journal on a new word-processor at the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, by courtesy of the Director, her husband, Cecil R. Humphery-Smith, that good friend and benefactor of all genuine family historians.

### Hake Family

From our only member in Norway, Derek Murphy, of Elgstien 34, 4600 Kristiansand S, comes a seventeen-page duplicated typescript account of the THAKES of Essex and elsewhere. "During 1980 and 1981", he writes, "there has been a great response to the letters of enquiry I have sent out about the history of the Thakes and the spread of the name throughout the UK and the world. I feel that it is high time that the results were published ... Research has also been made into records held at St Catherine's House, Census Office, Essex Record Office, and most of this work has fallen on the shoulders of my father, W.A.Murphy of 16 Wallace Crescent, Chelmsford. Without his hard work, eye for detail, appreciation of coincidence and great sense of humour this report would have been impossible ..."

### Baines Family Book

Dr Alicia C. Percival, 21 Maunsel Street, Westminster, London and five others (including C.P.Baines of 2 Park Crescent, Carmel, Holywell, Clwyd CH8 7DJ) are compiling a book on the name BAINES. It is hoped to have it ready for the printers early in January 1982. The cost will be in the region of £15-20 in hardback.

### Record Keeping

Peter M. Whitlock, 3804 Kilarney Street, Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, Canada, V3B 3G6, has forwarded a set of notes used in his family record keeping. "Basically my system consists of the following:

1. Group similar materials, number and file them consecutively.
2. Using 5"x3" cards, index the information, using the page number for reference.
3. Secondary groupings are made from photocopies of the original notes or documents, e.g. correspondence files."

Any of our members wishing to consult these notes (4 pages typescript) may have a photocopy for £1.00, including postage, by writing to the Editor.

### Guild Emblem

Our member, Captain David Pulvertaft, RN, Tucketts, Trusham, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 ONR, is a versatile sort of fellow. He has not only edited The Pulvertaft Papers, but acquired some letterpress type and printed his own journal. Now, I learn from our Chairman that he has designed our new Guild Emblem. Congratulations, David, and thanks.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

5a. to read "In addition to the Initial Registration Fee, all Guild-Members will be required to pay an Annual Subscription due on 1st January each year, the amount to be determined by the Executive Committee."

5b. to read "Any member who has not paid a subscription within three months of the due date shall cease to receive the privilege of membership."

6b. to read "To implement the Election of Officers and other members of the Executive Committee by postal ballot, the names of candidates for each of the several posts shall, with the consent of the nominees, be confirmed by two Guild Members and notified the Secretary no later than the 1st March. The secretary shall, within one month, provide a consolidated list of candidates, to Guild Members within the U.K. The list shall be in the form of a ballot paper on which members can vote for up to seven candidates validated by the member's signature and returned to the Secretary in a sealed envelope by 1st May."

7b. to read "The Executive Committee shall also have power to co-opt other Guild Members who will be eligible to serve until the A.G.M. following their co-option."

9. First sentence to read "The Annual General Meeting of the Guild shall be held each year at a time and place determined by the Executive Committee."

Clause c to read "A statement of the results of the postal ballot of Officers and other members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year."

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## 1982 CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Arrangements are in hand to hold our next conference on 15th and 16th May at the Grand Hotel, Leicester.

This time we shall concentrate on sources of particular value to the One-Name researcher and to this end approaches have been made to a number of speakers who are particularly well-qualified to contribute to this theme. They include Dr George Redmonds who is well known for his studies of Yorkshire surnames, and two professionals concerned with source material in Archives and Libraries respectively.

To avoid taking up too much of the weekend with a business meeting your committee have timed the A.G.M. for 11-00 a.m. on the Saturday so that it will have been completed before lunch and enable the Conference Proceedings to start at 2.30 p.m.

Booking forms will be circulated as soon as possible. Accommodation will be limited so please return your forms promptly.

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#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

A ballot paper with list of candidates for officers and members of the Executive Committee is enclosed with this issue of the Journal and should be returned to the Hon. Secretary by 1st April.

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#### WRITING TO STRANGERS

by T.F.K.Ulyatt

In recent past issues of the Newsletter there have been comments about writing letters to strangers soliciting information or assistance, and the difficulty of getting responses. Good suggestions have been published, and perhaps I may add to them.

During fifty years in the corporate financial area in California, my employer required corporate officers to take educative courses, some of which related to letter writing. The principles involved fit quite closely to the need we all have to obtain the best chance of response.

Letters should be clear, fairly concise, and avoid unnecessary or complicated words. For example, it would be clearer to the ordinary person to speak of "family research" rather than "genealogy". Trite phrases should be avoided.

A letter should begin with a simple paragraph stating only the subject to be discussed. The second paragraph should state the material at interest. The final paragraph should contain the request for action, preferably ending perhaps - "Your reply will be looked forward to with real interest."

Of greatest importance of all is to avoid the use of the first personal pronoun. Note that in the foregoing it only appears once, and then rather inoffensively. Almost any sentence can be turned around to begin with the third personal pronoun. "Your interest is important - - -", "You may be interested to know - -". "You and your family members might be - - -".

When we write to someone, they obviously would prefer to feel that they are important, so the word "You" tends to hold their interest - "Ah! He is talking about me". To the contrary a letter that emphasizes "I want to know - - -" and "I think you ought to - - -" are not as attractive to the reader as when he is addressed.

The closing salutation need only be "Sincerely". Anything more is usually superfluous and literally often incorrect. For example, "Yours sincerely" is not good, because one is obviously not giving oneself as a gift.

No guarantee is provided that the above is a magic formula, but it may reduce the number of times that there is no response.

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#### ONE-NAME PLANNING

by W.S.Gilbert

My suggestion for the plea of "ideas, suggestions, please" on page 97 of the Autumn Newsletter, is to donate your genealogical material to the Society of Genealogists.

However, I do not expect any Society would welcome an accumulation of notebooks, scraps of paper, photocopies, boxes of card indexes, odd binders and the like just dumped on them. Time in labour and space are valuable to such institutions and such material would probably only be acceptable if received fit for exhibition or study.

Few of us work out a plan of campaign when first introduced to genealogy; our problems arise when we ourselves are unable to easily extract information we know we have "somewhere". At first we do not think our future work can be of real interest or aid to posterity nor can we be expected to realize the amount of material likely to be collected.

So my second suggestion is to plan with a typewriter. This will make your lifetime happier and give you more hours to devote to searching. Why the typewriter? Your writing may be hard to read and your copy can be left to a member of the family to continue the work where you left off.

The One-Name Plan should have the following objectives:

(a) To trace your Ancestor as far back as possible.



- (b) An Index of Christian names.
- (c) An Index of Connected Surnames.
- (d) Location Index.
- (e) To trace the origin of your Surname.

Material connected to (a) above should be held in one box and suitably labelled. Copies of Wills, Certificates, Pedigree Chart, and other notes. This is your own and important box. To be kept in the family.

Christian Name Index (b) is alphabetical and chronological. All typed pages to be kept in a loose leaf binder.

e.g. under William Parish County  
 Lay Sub 1524 William Taxed £3.18.0 Wistow LE

Connected Surnames (c) also alphabetical and chronological. All typed pages in a loose leaf binder. Connected surnames can be very important in tracing your own ancestry. Mentions in Wills, by Marriage, etc.

e.g. under Todd.  
 M. 30.4.1601 Mary Todd & Robert Gilbert Spalding LI

Location or Parish Index should be arranged by Counties and each County subdivided into Parishes. Chronological. Typed on sheets into loose leaf binder.

e.g. under LI Spalding.  
 M. 30.4.1601 Robert G & Mary Todd.

Thus you have b,c & d in compact binders to be left to the Society or C.R.O. of your choice & a spare copy of these binders to be retained within the family, with, additionally a & e.

Origin of the Surname (e) material should not take up much room, if you wish to pursue this subject. Unless you have a fair amount of pre-1600 information, I do not feel it will prove anything. Sooner or later searchers ponder on the origin of their surname and if this name was famous you should find material in plenty but my humble and law abiding Gilberts shunned publicity and that makes my task all the more difficult. Bearing in mind that the population of England was around 5 million in the sixteenth century, I hoped I could trace some kind of pattern by mapping the locations of 16th century and 14/15th century Gilberts; the trend was very similar on both maps. Scotland, the counties north of the Trent, Ireland and Wales and a clutch of Midland and Central Counties could not muster a single Gilbert; their habitation of areas from the West Country along the South Coast to Kent, London, East Anglia and then to a dense patch to include Lincs., Leicester, Derbys. and Stafford was apparent on both my maps.

My surname origin still eludes me, nevertheless: perhaps if I had the time and ability to study 12th and 11th century documents, I could be nearer an answer.

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Hants, GU32 3EJ.

ON INTERNATIONAL POSTAGE: STAMPS, I.R.C.'s, etc.  
by Mrs Barbara Balch

This morning I received my first query as a result of joining the Guild of One-Name Studies. Upon opening the envelope, out fell an I.R.C. - oh, how I detest the things! However, we all know that they are a necessary evil sometimes. I would like to suggest some alternatives to these coupons from the point of view of a Canadian who is constantly corresponding with persons overseas and especially in the U.K.

The easiest way to overcome the problem is to have relatives in the U.K. (and I am fortunate in having several) or a friend or relative visiting over there to purchase stamps for you. But in case this method is not available to everyone or not always feasible, perhaps the following ideas would help.

(1) Canadians must purchase two I.R.C.'s in order to have a letter returned via airmail. (I swear surface rate letters come over by Eskimo kayak around the Horn). Two I.R.C.'s at 85¢ each cost \$1.70 Canadian currently. At the present rate of exchange this works out to approximately 75p. In other words we spend 75p for an airmail stamp valued at 22p. I suggest an alternative to this is to send an American One Dollar bill. As Canadian and American dollars are not on par, this represents \$1.20 Canadian, but this is 50¢ cheaper than the I.R.C.'s. In addition, this affords the person receiving the letter a bit extra for possible photocopying and/or extra postage for extra pages.

(2) U.K. persons initiating the correspondence could send a "T.S. & A.E.", a "Trade Stamp & Addressed Envelope". I personally would be very pleased to receive a loose U.K. airmail stamp to 'trade' for a Canadian airmail stamp for the reply. I'll never get too many and if I do, there are always fellow members of our local branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society who would be willing to take the surplus off my hands. Perhaps the "T.S. & A.E." could become a new abbreviation to be used in genealogical circles.

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Canada, N5W 2C4.

## THE GUILD OF ONE-NAME STUDIES

by J. Heygate-Browne

In requesting the restructure of the GUILD, there are some who consider my suggestion only disruptive; I am sorry if this is the case, my only desire is to get the GUILD to face in the right direction.

Where possibly is the Guild facing in the wrong direction?

(1) In advertising a service through its members, to the general public, where no such service exists. More to the point however, is the fact it is spending nearly half its meagre income on this. True a few of its members are equipped to answer queries but not many.

(2) The GUILD is doing little or nothing to assist members to collect data on their particular surname. Members are forced to use more expensive sources, for this service. The Guild's sole objective should be to assist the membership, in building-up a vast stock of data.

(3) Restricting membership to those who are able to reach a fixed standard of behaviour, will only commit surname research to suicide, although it may well elevate the Guild immediately to a higher prestige. Let us have an all-out drive to establishing a member for every surname. Together with co-operative efforts to afford cheap PRINT-OUTS for newcomers.

Let us develop into a giant organisation, its object to afford a service for posterity. rather than take a quick profit to-day. No matter that some of our researchers do not reach a very high standard; a little data is better than none at all; this is a hobby. The Federation "NEWS and DIGEST" no doubt is a splendid work but few members give it more than a casual glance. The cost spends one third of our income.

We have short-comings in COMMUNICATIONS and DELEGATION, our NEWSLETTER is a splendid effort but not enough as the sole means of communication. There should be much greater correspondence, via post between the executive and members. We need a monthly Magazine on a cost-effective basis. It would have a limited circulation, not all would subscribe but many would.

Too much is still being done by too few, we must learn to delegate duties. Failure to make use of the latent goodwill of our members is obvious and no effort appears to be made to make use of this to the benefit of us all.

Let us stop advertising a service that only exists in part and concentrate on developing a service for the future.

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MY FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCHES IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND:  
PART II.

By Barbara Bassil

We flew on to Brisbane and no sooner had I walked into my hotel room when the telephone rang and Ann Swain, Secretary of the Queensland Family History Society, was welcoming me to Brisbane. She very kindly suggested I spent an evening with some of their Committee members, even though she had had such short notice of my arrival. Of course, I was delighted to do so and very much enjoyed meeting them and once again must say thank you to them all for their hospitality.

It was most interesting to hear of the differences and similarities of running a Family History Society in England and Australia. One thing that struck me was the amount of information contained in an Australian Death Certificate. This apparently contains both the deceased's Father's name and his Mother's maiden name, and all the names of his children, as well as the normal information contained on an English Death Certificate. BUT, and this is a very big but, it is not possible to search through the records oneself. One has to pay 6 dollars (roughly £3) to the Office of the Government Statist for a search of 5 years. If the death is not found within these 5 years then 3 dollars is returned to the enquirer. I was not lucky enough to find Richard Hems' death within the period 1.1.1872 - 31.12.1876. I was very disappointed as I had hoped to find my Great Great Grandmother Sarah Hems' maiden name, as well as possible Australian relations. Maybe he did return to England after all, and my Great Great Grandfather was wrong?

We then flew on to New Zealand where we spent a delightful 10 days in the North Island. We were lucky enough to stay with friends in New Plymouth, a town set in beautiful surroundings with the sea on one side and Mount Egmont on the other; there were lovely tree ferns growing in the 'bush' and fantastic deep blue agapanthus and pampas grass growing wild by the sides of the roads. People were so hospitable and drove us around the countryside every day. Our friends drove us back to Auckland via Lake Tapau, where other friends had lent us a 'batch' for 2 days. Imagine my surprise when I casually looked into a bookshop window

in the small town of Tapau and saw prominently displayed Stella Colwell's recent book "The Family History Book". The shop was shut as it was Sunday else I would have enquired how the sales were going!

Whilst in New Plymouth I went over the churchyard of St Mary's Anglican Church. Most of their M.I.s were very easy to read, of course I hoped to find a Hems among them. I was unlucky again, but decided to copy out some inscriptions in case they could supply the missing links for someone else.

The ones I copied out read as follows:-

"In memory of the Rev. Henry Handley-Brown born at Welbourne, Lincolnshire November 26th 1813. Died at New Plymouth September 7th 1893. For 33 years minister in this district."

"Here rest the earthly remains of Francis Brown son of the Rev. Henry Handley and Sophia Wilhemina Brown who was born March 1st 1845 at Burton, Pedwardine, Lincolnshire, England and killed in action at Mahoetahi, November 6th 1860, New Zealand."

"In memory of Hannah wife of William Milner late of Derbyshire, England, who departed this life April 23rd 1861 in the 57th year of her age" also "In memory of William Milner who died January 7th 1868 aged 68 years."

"In memory of Joseph and Mary Hart of Woodleigh, Devon who arrived at New Plymouth on the Barque "Timandra" 24th February 1842.

I followed this up with a visit to the Museum where, to commemorate the Taranaki Centenary (1841-1941) a register of descendants of pioneer settlers who came from England in ships chartered by the Plymouth Company, had been compiled. The 8 ships are named with the dates of their arrival in New Plymouth. All the passengers are named with their trades. Each one has full details in the book which also lists their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc. A wealth of information if your ancestors immigrated to New Zealand!

The above is a description of all I could do in the way of Family History research and I felt my stay in both Australia and New Zealand was all too brief. I found them both so fascinating I would love to go back again for a much longer holiday. If anyone hears of a cheap flight, please let me know, I shall be the first in the queue to book a seat!

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## ONE-NAME JOURNALS

**PULVERTAFT PAPERS:** A newsletter on the Pulvertofts & Pulvertafts: printed by Captain D.M.Pulvertaft, Royal Navy, Tucketts, Trusham, Newton Abbot, Devon, TQ13 ONR. Vol.I, No.I, Dec.1981. ISSN 0261-118X. 8pp. A5, letter-press. Published twice a year in December and June.

Capt. Pulvertaft for the past eighteen years has been gathering together any reference that he can find to the Pulvertoft family of Lincolnshire and the Pulvertaft family of County Cork; his object being to understand the two families and see whether there is a connection between them.

"This first issue of 'Pulvertaft Papers' marks the start of a new phase of my researches from what has been a personal study, communicated only to two or three close members of the family, to a period of publication of the information, not only to the whole family but also to other interested people, either directly or through specialist societies and libraries."

We wish Capt. Pulvertaft all success in his new venture. Cost of subscription is not given but would be a useful detail in future issues. Also, by producing the text on B5 and reducing by 85% to A5, more matter could be got on a page. The Guild's new journal is an example of this.

**EUSTACE FAMILIES POST**, Midsummer, 1981, and Autumn, 1981. Editor: D.W.Eustace, 13 Staveley Road, Chiswick W4 3HU. A4, 10pp. each. illus. on front cover.

Still unpaginated, but full of good material on the Eustaces. Subscription: £2.00 UK, overseas £3,25 (\$7.50).

**THE JOURNAL OF THE DALTON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY**, Vol.10, No.1, 1981. ISSN 0141-2655, A5, 34pp. illus, photo offset-litho. Edited by Michael Neale Dalton, Blue Cedar, 19 Waterlow Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 7EY.

**THE ROSE TREE**, Vol.3, No.7, July-Sept 1981, ISSN 0307-9996, A5, 12pp. photo offset-litho. Edited for the Rose Family Society by David Rose, 6 Victoria Park, Herne Bay, Kent CT6 5BJ.

THE OLIVER SOCIETY MAGAZINE, No.13, 1981, ISSN 0140-5829, A5, 29pp. photo offset-litho. Editor: Col.W.H.Oliver, MBE, ERD, BA(Hons), Blain, Blainslie, Galashiels, TD1 2PR, Selkirkshire, Scotland.

SWINNERTON FAMILY HISTORY: the journal of the Swinnerton Society, Vol.4, No.9, Dec.1981, ISSN 0508-6755, A5, 20pp. Editor: Lt-Col. I.S.Swinnerton, TD, JP, DL, Owls Barn, Bridgnorth Road, Stourton, nr. Stourbridge, W. Midlands.

THE NORRINGTON FAMILY NEWSLETTER, No.13, Dec.1981. ISSN 0140-7899. A4, duplicated typescript, 14pp. + 1 page illus. (electronic stencil). Produced by John & Jeannett Norrington, 13 Hylands Road, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 7ED.

This is a journal that has been going for some time and has won admiration for the clever use of diaries, letters and other original sources that bring to life the background of the ancestors of the Norringtons.

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#### STARTING FROM SCRATCH

by Mrs Laura M. Foltinek

A few months ago I purchased two books on early information circa 1800-1830ish regards deaths and marriages in Ontario. Knowing that the majority of settlers to Canada in those years originated from the British Isles I thought I would go through the Guild membership and copy out names related to their searches. Both books are completely indexed.

When I had done the first few names I realized what a monumental task this was - but once I had done a few, how could I not do the rest in all fairness to the membership? So I continued. It ended up in copying over 700 pages of the two books and related to 82 members and those listed at the back of the membership booklet.

Since the mailing went out I have never had so many lovely butterflies come into my home! (The new postage stamp from England.) To know that I have helped a few is compensation for the time, effort and money spent on sending out the information. So many people have helped me in my family history 'quest' that I felt I was 'paying back' to them in a round-about way.

When I first started my 'quest' all I had was my grandmother's given and maiden names and that she was born in Guelph, Ontario. From the first letter that went out to Guelph with just that information three years ago this past May I now have enough

information to almost put together a family history book! Having never joined a group, nor had occasion to talk to anyone related with tracing back in time, I just stumbled along on my own. I went to the Canadian and American telephone books at our local main library, drafted up a letter and sent it off containing the information I had uncovered to date. The 'quest' letter was constantly being updated as information became available to me.

From the replies from North America nothing fit. Next I did all the phone books of the U.K. and sent out a mass mailing - again, never realizing what a task this was. But, again, once started how could I not complete it? The end number of letters sent out counts up to at least 1,700 with an approximate and probable 2,200 minimum. The replies that came back totalled at least 1,000!

As the last two Christmases came I sent out an updated letter as to what I had found to date and thanking those who replied taking the time and effort on my behalf to write. I must have at least 400 'trees' or twigs from those letters that I hope to card index when I have the time.

After I had been at my 'quest' for about 10 months I heard that there was a local Genealogical Society so decided to join it and take in their lessons offered to those doing a similar 'quest'. The first meeting I realized that on my own and through buying a couple of 'how to' books I was already past what they were teaching - on I went on my own.

A money order was sent to the Kent Family History Society and a query put in their magazine regarding my search. A letter was received from Australia but none of the names linked. We have kept on writing and exchanging ideas/leads etc. and as a result of my writing just prior to last Christmas with information regards finally linking my G-G-G'father up with his father in Tunbridge Wells we DID find a link. A totally different name than that which we had checked and one going back to the mid-1700s!

From the replies I received from the U.K. none connected on the main name I was searching (Strange) but I DID connect on one of the others and as a result of a trip to England in May, 1980 (compliments of my husband for the previous Christmas) I spent a DELIGHTFUL few days with my new old distant cousins in the Cotswolds. Our 14 year old daughter is also going to be visiting them next month for a week.

After finding the link between my G-G-G'father and his father (from an obituary in the Toronto Globe in 1845 which gave the death of Richard Strange in Tunbridge Wells, father of the late



Henry Strange, Esq. of Guelph) I went through my 'Strange' letters. Unknown to me I had had the relating tree from 1650 - unfortunately it ended on Richard's line with just his name and year of birth. There had been a 'rumor' passed down through the generations that Henry's family came from Tunbridge Wells and correspondence between our families has gone on for these three years - searching for THE link. Also unfortunately, Richard's Will eludes me at all the normal places in the T.W. area, but I shall pursue and keep the letters going out.

At this moment I am busy 'indexing' the monthly Newsletter of the Guelph Historical Society from 1960 to the present - again a monumental task that I never dreamed would take me so long - but once started shall complete. This Society has been instrumental in assisting me and I can 'pay back' by doing this for them.

Perhaps I should add that when writing all those letters to the U.K. , I kept it very light - not the advised/expected cool formal letter of inquiry but started the one going out to those with the last name of Strange: "Dear Possible 'Strange' Relation:" I filled a full 8½ x 11" page, single spaced and contained as much information on what I had to that date as possible. Only one of the many letters I received was, shall we say, 'critical' of my quest. I was able to reconnect, to date, 8 Strang-ers that had either lost touch through the generations or did not know of each others existence. One gentleman replied that he was sorry he could not help as he had been placed in an orphanage at an early age and knew nothing of his parents/family at all. I wrote back advising him where he could start (St Catharine's House, etc.) and just before Christmas I received a letter back from him that brought tears to my eyes. He had found his family and has twin sisters and a brother, if memory serves me right, that he never knew existed. As he put it in his letter "I never had a family before but now I have and for this I thank you"! Such a reward for me! His paternal grandfather is now known to him and he has visited with him and other 'new' aunts and uncles. And here we all take our families for granted - what a shame!

From my experiences of writing I would like to pass on the information that the Public Archives of Canada have been MOST helpful to me as have the Ontario Archives. Can you imagine my delight when I wrote to our Archives in Ottawa asking if they had any papers on one Henry Strange of Guelph, Ontario, Land Surveyor, and they sent me 60 zeroxed pages of land grants, etc. and a letter in his own hand written in 1838 to Lt.Gov.Sir John Colburne with the information that he had been in London, England, the previous month and that he had "been in the West Indies on 'official service' for twenty years" at a cost of only 10¢ per

page and NO SEARCH FEE at all! Not even a charge for the postage! That works out to about 4½p per page in English currency! No SASE's were exchanged!

The Province of Ontario charges \$5.00 to search for a five year period and if the 'person' is found within that period will provide the 'searcher' with a typed copy of the information being sought - from 1855 on.

Granted, our (Canada) records are not as extensive as those in England, being yet a young country and having learned how to preserve and why to preserve our history from our Mother Country, Great Britain.

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SECOND BRITISH FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE

GUILDFORD, 17-21 SEPTEMBER 1982

The West Surrey Family History Society, which is arranging the Conference, and the Federation of Family History Societies invite you to attend the Second British Family History Conference to be held at The University of Surrey, Guildford, on 17-21 September 1982.

The theme of the Conference will be 'The Common Man' and sessions will cover sources and methods which should help the family historian discover more about his 'ordinary' ancestors. Among the topics covered will be Poor Law records, early Trade Union records, early newspapers and life in an agricultural community. For those who are interested there will be an opportunity to do some computer indexing and a symposium on the use of computers in family history is being arranged for those with a knowledge of computers.

Guildford is easily accessible by all forms of transport. It has a first class shopping centre, a well known theatre and other cultural and entertainment facilities. The University is an excellent conference centre offering every facility to conference participants.

For full details write to Mrs J.E.Young, 52 Portland Drive, Church Crookham, Aldershot, Hampshire (enclosing s.a.e.).

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### NOTES ON THE REGISTER

from the Registrar (Frederick N. Filby):

The publication of Duncan Harrington's letter on page 93 of Guild Newsletter No.8 has provided the opportunity of clarifying a matter which is of significance to all who have an interest in one-name studies. When a surname has been accepted for inclusion in the Register of One-Name Studies, with the requisite registration fee of £1 for publication of the researcher's name and address, it remains in there for as long as the researcher is able to honour the undertaking given on the Registration Application Form of being "willing to deal with all reply paid enquiries for the surname(s) as defined:..."

For this reason it is necessary that changes of address or circumstances affecting the handling of enquiries should be advised to the Registrar. This becomes even more important when researchers resign their Guild membership, as the quarterly contact via the Newsletter is lost, as also is the signal of the envelope "Returned to sender".

In assuming responsibility for maintenance of the Register, the aim of the Guild is to reflect those same standards of accuracy and attention to detail that are expected of its members. Indeed the pursuance of these standards may well be one of the factors that prompts the one-name researcher to become a member of the Guild and so enjoy the advantages which Guild membership can bring. These are but two in number but their value is a matter for individual assessment. In general terms it must surely be sharing the fellowship and experience of like minded individuals via the pages of our Newsletter, plus the twice yearly comprehensive survey of Family History News and Digest. It is the fact that every Guild member is also a subscriber to News and Digest that distinguishes the Guild from all other family history societies and earns them the unique privilege of having their members' interests featured in every issue. Each updated list is always described as being the surnames researched by Guild members and that is what it means. If membership is allowed to lapse, so too is the appropriate surname from the list, but not from the Register; unless registration is withdrawn by the researcher. Even then the surname will remain in the index of the Register, but it will be coded to show that registration has been withdrawn and the researcher's name and address will be deleted to discourage further enquiries; or perhaps provide some other enthusiast with an opportunity to emulate the service which in this case Mr Harrington continues to offer.

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THE GUILD OF ONE-NAME STUDIES was formed in 1979 for the exchange of ideas and co-operative liaison between the growing number of family historians who concentrate their research on all references to a single surname. In the majority of cases this activity is carried on by individuals working alone rather than as part of a society and this tends to prevent the further exploitation of their interests through membership of the Federation of Family History Societies, which is comprised of member societies, not individual researchers.

The aims and objectives of the Guild of One-Name Studies are:

- (a) To bring together those individuals and groups of people who are already engaged in the collection of family data relative to all references, branches and occurrences of a single surname.
- (b) By production of a journal or newsletter and by periodic meetings, to exchange information on sources and research techniques helpful to 'one-name' activity.
- (c) To maintain and publish a Register of the surnames being researched and through close association with the Federation of Family History Societies to secure the widest possible awareness of one-name research.
- (d) To encourage and ensure by a written undertaking that members of the Guild will deal with all reply-paid enquiries relative to their registered surname.

Membership of the Guild is open to individuals who have a declared interest in the genealogical study of a particular surname for which the collection of data covering all occurrences of that name has progressed to a stage where guidance and advice can and will be given to interested enquirers.

Annual subscription, payable on 1st January, is £4.00. There is also an initial Registration fee of £2.00.

Members of the Guild receive four issues of The Journal of One-Name Studies (Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter) and two issues of The Federation Family History News and Digest (Spring and Autumn).

#### Publications

Forming a One-Name Group, by Derek A. Palgrave. 2nd ed. Federation of Family History Societies, 1981. 16pp. A5, paperback. £0.55.

Register of One-Name Studies. Guild of One-Name Studies, 2nd ed. 1980. plus supplement. 29pp. £0.55.