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From the Chairman's Keyboard...

By Kirsty Gray

Some aspire to greatness - others have greatness thrust upon them', so the saying goes! When Peter Walker announced his resignation at the November meeting of the Guild Committee, I thought long and hard about whether I was the right candidate for the position of Chairman, particularly as I am a full-time teacher. It would seem that the committee unanimously considered that I was!

The AGM brought a new committee - as ever, plenty of familiar names and faces, some departures and some arrivals. Thirteen candidates this year so no need for a ballot. For the first time, the committee meeting was held at lunchtime so we were able to announce to the conference delegates the new trustees, post holders and other Guild representatives on other organisations. This brought about quite a few changes:

- Chairman – Kirsty Gray
- Vice Chairman – Peter Hagger
- Secretary – Jan Cooper

Cliff Kemball continues to do an outstanding job as Treasurer ensuring that the Guild meets its charitable objectives, budgets appropriately across the year and meets all the Charity Commission requirements. Many charities have been audited recently and it is very comforting to know that our finances are in excellent order should they come our way! Keith Bage is also continuing in the post of Editor. He is another member of the committee who works full-time as well as giving his time to further the Guild.

David Mellor announced in April 2009 that he would be stepping down from the role of Registrar and he is succeeded by Stephen Daglish. Stephen has been on the committee since April 2009 and has been working on the advertising

side of our marketing arm. More on marketing later.....

Full details of current Guild Committee members and post holders can be found in the Member's Room at <http://www.one-name.org/members/committee.html> along with job descriptions.

Conference and AGM

The Conference and AGM was highly successful and although it did not exceed the record number of attendees at the 2009 30th Anniversary Conference, 158 members were in attendance at the Oxford Belfry in Thame. The programme had a varied international theme with excellent speakers on Australia, New Zealand, British India, Caribbean Islands and the resources held by the LDS church. Do take a look at the review by David Gardner on page 12.

Peter Hagger gave his annual report to the AGM covering all aspects of the Guild as well as announcing the first Master Craftsmen of the Guild. This scheme was set up in order to recognise those Guild members especially worthy of honour, either due to their level of expertise in genealogy and one-name studies, or for their contribution to the running of the Guild, or both. A full list of MCGs is available in the Member's Room at <http://www.one-name.org/members/MCGs.html>.

Next year's Guild Conference will be held at the De Vere Hotel, Daresbury Park, Warrington from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th April 2011 with the AGM on Saturday 16th April at 9am. A date for your diaries!

Post-AGM

After the AGM and Conference, I received so many messages wishing me well in the new role and I soon realised the magnitude of the role! Unfortunately within a month, two

Guild Committee members have decided to stand down for personal reasons. Although retired, Peter Hagger has been carrying out many roles within the Guild and also his local parish council. He has had to scale down his commitments in various areas and we will be very sorry to lose him. Peter did a sterling job as Chairman and I am sure that you will join me in thanking him for the work he has done on behalf of the Guild.

Paul Millington has also tendered his resignation. His recent house move has presented him with considerable difficulties with regard to travelling to committee meetings and he has decided that it is time for him to move on. He was first co-opted onto the Guild Committee in May 1999 and has developed many new facilities for the membership including Guild Archive and Profiles as well as putting in place much of the Guild's IT infrastructure. Paul will continue to administer the Archive and Profile. Eleven years is an enormously long time to give his time to the Guild. I am sure Paul will continue to support the Guild from the comfort of his Herefordshire home and our thanks go to him for his unstinting support of - and work on behalf of - our organisation.

So, the Guild Committee diminished to eleven. In my recent Newsflash, I highlighted the posts which were vacant, some due to the above resignations and some due to the new Guild Marketing Sub-committee and the progress made since the meeting in March:

- Regional Representatives Coordinator
- Stand Manager
- Sales Manager
- Publicity Manager

To say I was staggered at the response to my e-mail would be an

understatement! I was inundated with offers of help and my sincere thanks to all TWENTY people who put themselves forward to help in various ways. At the June Committee meeting, we agreed job descriptions for the latter three posts and were able to appoint the following new post holders:

- Corrinne Goodenough – Regional Representatives Coordinator (rep-coordinator@one-name.org) and Stand Manager (stand-manager@one-name.org)
- Sales Manager – Jo Howarth (beginning at the end of the financial year) - sales@one-name.org

With so many volunteers and many new projects in the pipeline, a Volunteer Coordinator post has been developed and Glenys Marriott has kindly agreed to take on this role. She will hold contact details for Guild members who are willing to support the Guild, and the skills they are able to offer so, when new projects are

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planned, she can coordinate suitable volunteers. Do get in touch with Glenys at volunteers@one-name.org if you are able to offer your expertise in any way.

Ken Mycock has been doing sterling work behind the scenes for the Guild as Data Manager for the past year and he and Corrinne Goodenough attended our June Committee meeting where they were unanimously co-opted onto the committee! I am grateful to Keith Bage who has stepped forward to take up the role of Vice Chairman (following Peter Hagger's departure). The two vacant positions on the Executive - due to Paul's departure and Keith's promotion - were filled by Stephen Daglish and Anne

Shankland. As you can see, the June meeting was a very busy one!

Marketing

John Coldwell has taken on the challenge of improving the marketing of the Guild. The Marketing Sub-committee had a good starting point with all the ideas raised at the March meeting and a 'Guild Vision' has now been formalised. We are some considerable way towards having a medium-term marketing plan for the Guild and, with a Publicity Manager to be appointed imminently, significant progress can be made in this area. See John's marketing update below for more detail.

With many projects, facilities and ideas, the Guild is an evolutionary organisation. I look forward to leading your Guild forward and making it even better for members as well as educating the public about one-name studies. ■



Marketing Update

By John Coldwell

Following the successful and very useful "brainstorming session" held in March and the many useful direct inputs received in support of the meeting, we are now progressing with re-building the Guild marketing activity. I was appointed chairman of the marketing sub-committee at the AGM in April and since then the following documents have been issued:

- Vision statement which summarises the Guilds longer term objectives
- Terms of reference for the marketing sub-committee
- Job Description for Publicity Manager
- Job Description for a Stand Manager

Work is still ongoing on the detailed content of the marketing plan and a proposal to form sub-groups to work on specialised aspects of the plan.

The new marketing sub-committee has been formed (names can be found on the Guild web-site) which comprises 12 members plus a number of main Committee members who wish to take part.

The Guild's future objective can be very briefly stated as increase in membership whilst maintaining the Guild's image of excellence in one-name genealogy. As a rough guide the objective is to increase membership 10% - 15% per annum from the current 2300 with a significant part of the increase possibly coming from outside the UK

(i.e. North America and Australasia and other parts of Europe).

The committee's key activity is to plan and implement marketing tasks to achieve this objective.

Key roles for successfully achieving the objective are the positions of Publicity Manager (which is to be filled imminently) and the Stand Manager which has just been taken on by Corrinne Goodenough. Publicity is at a turning point where much of our future publicity will be internet based and this will require innovative approaches to advertising. Our bookstall activities are running down and the Guild plans a new approach to develop a stand to showcase the Guild and recruit members at fairs. ■

That Eureka Moment

by **Dennis Freeman-Wright**

Researching family history has many moments of enlightenment, some greater than others. Perhaps that is why the TV programme "Who do you think you are?" is so fascinating. I believe that the programme would be just as compulsive if the subjects were not 'celebrities'. Obviously the subjects of a TV series are selected carefully to provide impact and when one researches one's own family history these 'eureka' moments are usually few and far apart and the research is always 'work in hand' and never attains a full and final version.

The Wonders Of History

My research is perhaps quite different from most; from an early age I was enthralled by stories of

ancient heroes, Greek, Roman and Germanic, in fact worldwide. Such stories stressed individual excellence and the ability of one or a few people to achieve great things. From this I became drawn into the wonder of history and the adventures and travails of real people and nations.

It was obvious to me that the history of the world was the history of individuals and their ability to influence others. People are the sum of their parts and their actions and motives become clearer against the background of their ancestral descent, values and traditions. I researched the pedigrees of famous people of old and compiled huge pedigrees of ancient Irish, Scottish and Scandinavian families for no other reason that I felt compelled to do so.

said of them was that they were an old Lincolnshire family, details are vague. Perhaps this lack of ancestral awareness contributed to my lack of interest in researching my mother's family. It was not until I returned to live in the Midlands in my fifties and I had access to genealogical websites that my mother persuaded me to undertake some research and against all the published warnings to the contrary it was relatively easy. Why?

Well the research into my father's family name, FREEMAN-WRIGHT was difficult because one has to accept that not every WRIGHT, even in the same village may be related to your family and extreme research discipline has to be maintained. My mother's maiden name was WISWOULD, not many of them to a pound, sorry a kilo, I hear you say. So it all proved amazingly easy, and working on the assumption that every Wiswould, Wiswold, Wisewould etc in the country was probably related, within short order, I had constructed a verified family tree that went back to the mid-16th century to one William 'Willi' Wiswolde of North Lincolnshire and his five children Dorithia, Agneta, Peronella, Margareta and Reynold. The family proved to have the anticipated mixture of farmers and blacksmiths reflecting what little I already knew about the family and even a few more eminent people like the odd master gunsmith, a social reformer, a foreign ambassador and even a less salubrious mulatto slave in North Carolina.

Perhaps the most interesting aspect of my mother's family was their surname. Obviously I had come across variations to the way it was spelt as one would expect from old documents, but from the 18th century my particular branch of the family were the WISWOULDS with the 'U' included.

My parents were very positive about their family identity. My father was a butcher by trade and claimed descent from a long line of butchers originally from Colsterworth, Lincolnshire. There were family memories claiming that we were related to Sir Isaac Newton and that an ancestor drove the Royal train; when I finally got around to tracing my paternal family tree (pre-world wide web), all these assertion, amazingly turned out to be true.

My mother's side of the family were less specific about their origins and all that could be



Fig 1. One of nine generations of butchers

Origins

With my limited knowledge of etymology I speculated that the origin of the name must lie within early and medieval German and the root language and dialects of the Anglo-Saxon and Scandinavian colonists of eastern England.

I assumed the post-fix '**would**' was synonymous with Anglian **wold**, an ancient term for rolling hills; a term to be found in Lincolnshire for the range of hills running north-south from the Humber to the Wash dividing central Lincolnshire from the coastal plain. This term is also common in South Yorkshire (South Yorkshire Wolds) and Leicestershire (the area between Six Hills and Loughborough) and suggests that the term was introduced into Britain by the Anglian invaders that founded the central Germanic kingdoms of Mercia, Lindsey and Deira in the sixth century of the present era.

This is confirmed in that the lands of their departure i.e. Old Anglia or Angeln on the neck of the Cimbric peninsula and Saxony in current Germany also have geographical areas bearing the name **wold**. In fact the term **wald** is spread much wider throughout present Germany. Even a cursory view of a map will identify the Westerwald east of the Rhine, the Schwarzwald east of Strasbourg, the Bohmerwald running along the border of Czechoslovakia, the Thuringer Wald south of Erfurt and perhaps the most famous Teutoburger Wald where Varus' legions were destroyed by Herman Prince of the Cherusci in AD9.

The pre-fix '**Wis**' is also of the same linguistic origin and has either developed from the term '**wise**' with much the same meaning as the word today or '**Wis**' = west as in the Wisigoths or West Goths.

Taken together I assumed that the likely meaning of the surname would be "**Wiseman of the Wold**" or "**Man from the West Wold**". It is interesting therefore to note that in Norway there is just such an area around Oslo, which is called **Westfold** (Norwegian) or in ancient Anglian "**Wiswold**"? The implication of either terminology is that any **wold**, **wald** or **fold** would have been appropriate to generate the surname. Equally the surname could also have been adopted either in eastern England or in an area of northern Europe from

Sweden west to Belgium from as early as when surnames became common.

I speculated that given the north European flavour of William Wiswold's children i.e. Agneta for Agnes, it is not impossible for **William Wiswold** to be a Dutch Calvinist immigrant fleeing the religious wars in the Low Countries escaping from the atrocities of the Spanish army of occupation or a merchant immigrant from the Baltic 'Hanse' ports. It would appear that there are no Catholic **Wiswolds** on record.

At this point I hit the familiar 'wall' and I let the research on Wiswold lie dormant for several years.

Eureka

At Christmas last year my daughters, familiar with my reading habits, presented me with a Sony E-Reader. During the process of registering the present and logging on to various E-Book libraries I decided to purchase some inexpensive books to 'try out' the E-Book technology. Amongst other very cheap books I purchased a book I already had in hard copy the "**Heimskringla**" for £1.95 (told you I read strange books and you can never have too many copies of a good read), which in English translates as "**The History of the Kings of Norway**" by Snorri Sturlason.

I must have read this book at least half a dozen times previously but enjoyed reading it again. Then I had one of those "Eureka" moments. There staring me in the face was a king from Garderike bearing the name Visuvald, murdered by Sigrid the Proud in the Olaf Trygvasson Saga. Garderike is the Scandinavian name for Baltic Russia, which at that time was controlled by the Scandinavians, particularly the Swedes and Danes so it would suggest that the name Visuvald originated in Scandinavia as early as AD950. Then there is a second Vissivald recorded in the Heimskringla "**Olaf the Saint's Saga**" as the second son of Jarisleif (Yaroslav) King of Keivan Rus and his wife Ingegard daughter of Olaf King of Sweden; his older brother was Valdemar and his younger brother being Holte the Bold circa AD1020. Why had I not seen this before and made the connection with Wiswold? In Low Middle German of the Baltic peripheral in the Middle Ages Visuvald would be pronounced Wisuvald.

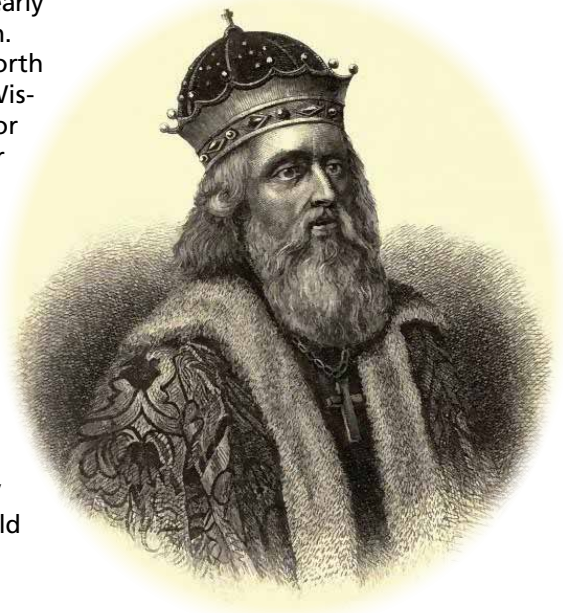


Fig 2. Grand Prince Vsevolod of Kiev (1030 – 13 April 1093)

And there was more! Yaroslav king of the Kievan Rus was a well documented person so I quickly retrieved 'Kievan Russia' by George Vernadsky from my extensive and rather odd library and there sure enough was a reference to Prince Yaroslav's children in the Russian Primary Chronicles, his fourth son being Prince Vsevelod. Alright, I get by with Latin and I even have a smattering of Gaelic but Russian! I make no apology for not equating Wiswold with Vsevelod.

So it turns out that my mother's surname is probably derived from a popular Russian name meaning in Slavic "to rule all" from the elements *vse* "all" and *volod* "rule" and is a shortened patronymic form of Vsevolodovich.

I think my original ideas about the name are still valid in that the Germanic/Scandinavian words '**wold**' and '**volod**' have their roots in the same ancient concept and it would also seem equally valid that the family may have emigrated from the Baltic 'Hanse' area into the Humber, into another 'Hanse' port at Hull or Grimsby.

I hope you can see why I decided to join you and register my mother's surname in the Register on One Name Studies. '*Work in hand*'. Any help gratefully received. ■

Adopt a Newspaper!

By Jim Isard

When my Mum was alive, the first page she looked at when the local paper arrived was that for the Family Announcements. Who had died? Who was getting married? Did she know the couple with the new baby named Tyrone Jethro? I now find myself doing the same thing. Perhaps it is something to do with reaching a certain age!

Papers contain a wealth of detail for the family historian, but most local papers are not online, and if they are, they don't normally have full text indexes for name searching.

For some time I, and a number of other Guild members, have been checking our local papers for announcements concerning Guild 'names' and sending the details to the relevant member. My local paper the Surrey Mirror has approximately 20 – 25 announcements per week. It takes me no more than 10 minutes to check for Guild names and send any relevant entries to the member. Some of the announcements I have found contain very detailed information about a person and their family, and even include a photograph. It doesn't cost me anything to do this, and for just a few minutes work each week, I may provide useful

information to another member for their study.

Up until now there has been no central record of those members who scan their local papers, and members haven't been actively encouraged to take part in the project.

The Guild Committee has agreed that this is a worthwhile project that could result in significant benefit to members, especially if more members can be encouraged to join.

I am therefore officially launching the Adopt a Newspaper – Guild Newswatch project.

What's involved?

A Guild member agrees to check the announcements in their local paper (purchased or freebie) regularly for Goons 'names' against the Guild Register (paper or online). If you want to go further and look at all articles that's up to you. You then, either:

- Scan the entry, if convenient, and forward it to the member as an attachment (maybe as a jpeg or pdf file) with the heading 'Guild Newswatch Project':
- Type the announcement out and then send it as text message;

• Send the announcement to the member by post if they are not online; or

• Send details of the announcement to me and I will forward it on. This will also enable members who are not online to participate.

You might consider setting up a boilerplate message in your email program along the lines of:

"The attached/following announcement, which might be of interest for your ONS, appeared in my local paper, The Barsetshire Observer, on (date)."

How you can take part

Please contact me, Jim Isard, at newswatch@one-name.org if you are prepared to adopt a paper to check, and let me know its circulation area. The more people who agree to check papers, the more successful the project will be. Hopefully we can get members checking newspapers all around the world.

The project is entirely voluntary. If you can agree to check a paper you can stop at any time; just e-mail me so I can amend my records.

The more members involved, the more likely you are to receive useful information yourself. If you do receive information please, please, please remember to acknowledge it. There is nothing worse than sending someone information and not receiving a 'thank you'!

I intend to set up an explanatory page on the Guild website listing the papers being checked and the member involved.

Guild Marriage Challenges have been of enormous benefit to many, but only a limited number of members can undertake one. If you have benefited from a Marriage Challenge in the past, this new project will enable you to repay the work of others from the comfort of your own home for little expenditure of time.

Join the project now; adopt a newspaper; feel good; help other members; and you may well find you help your own ONS! ■



Guild NewsXtra

The Guild on Facebook and Twitter

The Guild now has a new "fan" page on Facebook. It is a public page open to both members and non-members which has been set up with the aim of publicising the Guild amongst the ever-growing band of genealogists who are now using Facebook. The new Guild page can be found at www.facebook.com/guildonename. If you would like to receive news from the Guild on Facebook simply visit the new page and click on the "like" button. Facebook is one of the most popular sites on the internet with over 400 million active users. It is a good way of keeping in touch with family and friends, and finding other people with your



surname. Many Guild members have set up surname groups on Facebook for their one-name studies. You will also find many other genealogical organisations on Facebook.

If tweeting is more your style, as mentioned in the last issue, you can now also follow the Guild on Twitter. Come and join us at www.twitter.com/guildonename. ■

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Changes to public area search results

Several members have expressed a concern that their postal address is included in the search results returned for their registered name on the public part of the website - feeling that they do not wish their address to be accessible to the general public in this way.

When the Guild started, over 30 years ago, postal addresses were the norm for contacting members. Nowadays, though, enquirers very often prefer to use email. This being so, the Committee have just approved a change to the way that members' contact details will be shown on the public part of the website. If the

member has an email alias registered with the Guild, then the alias will be shown and the postal address will not be. If the member does not have an email alias, then the postal address will be shown (as at present).

This change will apply to the public website searches only; the Members Room searches will be the same as before. For those special cases where, by negotiation with the Registrar, a member's address is suppressed on the public pages and the Members Room, this will remain the case and the address will not be shown.

None of these changes will affect the printed Register, which will continue to show email and postal addresses as at present. ■

BMD's at Sea

Back in March I read an article on the FFHS site about transcribing the BMD at Sea records. These are to be integrated into the England & Wales GRO Births/Marriages/Deaths for the period 1837 – 2006 at Find my Past.

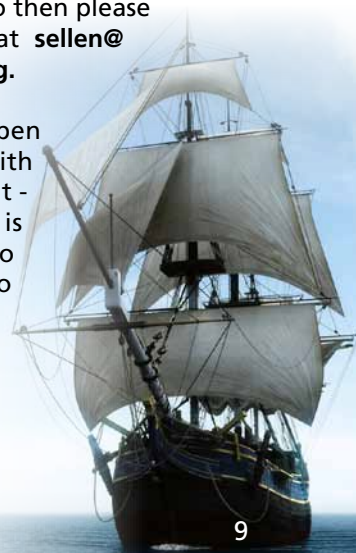
As I have a birth at sea, rounding the Cape of Good Hope in 1871, I thought why not. The article had asked for the volunteer to nominate a society to dedicate their work to so that the royalties could go to them, I nominated the Guild. All well and good, except that the Guild did not have a Co-ordinator and would I like to consider doing it. This is where I wondered about the feasibility of volunteering – what had I let myself into! After a lot of thought I decided that it was something, I could do but would probably need a bit of hand holding until I got into the swing of things. Gillian Stevens (also a One-Namer) has helped a lot and so this is where I now need to ask for volunteers.

The aim of these records is to be able to search by virtually all fields e.g. surname, forename, occupation, age and sex, plus the name of the ship, providing they were in the records in the first place. Volunteers who would like to take part would do so at their own pace and it could be a few hours, a few days or even a few weeks, just whatever suited, and of course for every page indexed by a volunteer that is accessed by a researcher, there will be a small payment sent to the Guild.

So if there is anyone who would like to give it a go then please contact me at sellen@one-name.org.

I am also open to help with coordinating if there is someone who would like to do so. ■

Linda
Nicholson



Using The Guild Archive Facility For A One-Name Society

By **Cliff Kemball**



One of the sessions at the recent Guild of One-Name Studies Conference was a talk by Paul Millington relating to the enhancements to the Guild Archive facility. As the Treasurer and membership secretary of the International Relf Society I had a particularly interest in wanting to hear what Paul had to say. The Archive facility provides a means for Guild members, with a registered name, to archive their one-name study data and make it available, if you wish, to other members of the Guild and also to the public generally. So what developments have been introduced and how useful are they for a one-name society like the International Relf Society?

Recent Developments

Paul has developed a number of advanced features that extends the way you can use and control the archive facility and expands on the range of data records you can upload and make available to others – including members of your own one-name society. These developments can be summarised as:

- Allowing you to define your own types of records.
- Enabling you to add to existing records rather than having to combine new records with existing records before uploading them to the Guild Archive.
- An ability to do a general search across different categories of records by using the “configure” link to include this option in your archive.
- Support for user-defined fields via the “configure” link to enable you to specify any additional fields.
- Allowing you to specify what will happen to your archive when you leave the Guild

- Introducing a “registered mode” to maintain a directory of the individuals and organisations who you grant access to, and a facility to monitor their searches

The International Relf Society

The International Relf Society is a one-name society, set up in 1990 to foster the study of RELF (and variants) genealogy, etymology, biography and related topics and to promote the preservation, security and accessibility of relevant RELF material, and to publish research findings. The first known attempt to carry out any systematic general research into the Relf surname was made during the 1980s by people like Brian Relf, Eddie Clarke, Steve Chapman and Chris Relf.

In 1990 Brian Relf floated the idea of forming a One-Name Society among the many enthusiastic genealogical researchers of the Relf surname. The Relf Society was formed later that year and was renamed the following year to the “International Relf Society” in recognition of its burgeoning international membership. A Newsletter was started in the winter of 1990 and four issues of “The Wolf Pack” have been published ever since.

The Society broadened its research to include the more common variants of the Relf surname such as Relfe, Realf, Riulf, and Relph – although surnames such as Ralph and Rolph/Rolf(e) are also monitored by the society. It has over 100 members worldwide and its website can be found at www.relfsociety.org.

The Society has a number of members who have an extensive range of Relf data which can be made available to other society members enquiring about a particular Relf family. However, this extensive range of data is not conveniently made available to other society members via its website and no direct access to such

data is made available to members of the public. This is where I consider the Guild’s extended archive facility can be utilised to increase the availability of such data to the society’s members and the public alike.

Implementing An initial Data Archive

To demonstrate how the Guild’s archive facility could be used, I uploaded a data set of civil marriages in England and Wales 1837 to 1922 of Relf (and other variants) marriages. I added user-defined fields to the standard civil marriage records format and employed the “registered mode” to authorise and monitor data access and searches. The data set has 10,353 records.

How easy was it to set up? Well the answer is “very easy”. I used an existing spreadsheet of Relf marriages which includes (where known) the date of the marriage and the location/church, and converted it into a comma separated file. After identifying the user-defined fields (namely day, month, year, and location) I uploaded the file to the Guild archive. Within a few moments over 10,000 records became searchable by all members of the Guild – once of course they become aware of its existence.

However my main requirement was to enable this data to become available to other members of the International Relf Society and to members of the public. This is where the “registered mode” facility needed to be implemented. In registered mode, the Guild archive allows you to maintain a directory of individuals and organisations to whom you grant access to your archive of data. You can set up the archive in registered mode when you set up your archive initially or you can change the way you wish to operate your archive. In my case I originally set it up as “restricted” access and then subsequently changed it to “registered” mode.





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Registration page for the Relf archive

Registration

In order to access the data held in the Relf archive, you will first need to register for the archive by completing the form below. When your registration is accepted, you will be allocated a username and password (which you can change at a later date) allowing you to gain access to the Relf archive.

Your details

Please complete the form below to register with the Relf archive. When you have completed the form submit your details using the Register button. Fields marked with an asterisk are mandatory and must be completed for your registration to be accepted.

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 E-mail address: *
 Subscribe to newflash: ☐ Yes ☐ No
 Summary of interest: * (max 200 characters)

The Registration Process

As the archivist for Relf data I can now control who has access to the archive and review their details and any searches of the data they make. Members of the Guild can access the archive using their members' room username and password.

The Registration Process

The archive provides a self-service facility by which members of the public can apply for registration as well as maintain their details and password. Registration is normally processed via an application made from the home page of your archive. To register, the applicant should click on the register button which will take them to the registration page. The registration page asks for personal details such as name, address, telephone number and e-mail, together with a summary of their interests.

When a member of the public applies for an archive account, you as the archivist will receive an e-mail which contains a link to a webpage to enable you to process the application – either accepting or rejecting the application. If you accept the application they will be sent a username and a password (which they can subsequently change). With this information the applicant can then log in and access the archive.

View Users' Details

You can view the details of any of the registered users which typically include the details provided at the time of the application, plus any subsequent additions or amendments. By selecting the "show search record" button you can see all the searches made by the registered user grouped by the different types of records. In addition a file of users registered with your archive can be downloaded as a tab-separated file, which you can subsequently open in any spreadsheet package. This is a powerful facility which will enable

Searching The Archive


you to monitor the utilisation of your archive and help you establish an ongoing dialogue with your archive users.

Searching The Archive

Searching the Relf archive is very straightforward. You can search on any of the following – forename, surname (any, Relf or other variants), spouse's forename, spouse's surname, and registration district and then select the range of years you are interested in. My initial searches found Guild surnames such as Martin, Hill, Webb, Chapman, Fisher, Bell, Stubbs and Rayment. I even found two Millington marriages. Give it a go and see what you can find.

Link To The Society's Website

Having established the Relf archive, the next stage was to provide a link in the International Relf Society's website – www.relfsociety.org to enable society members to find out about the Relf archive and to encourage them to make an application to access the archive. This was done by including a brief summary of the Guild's archive facility in the society's website together with a direct link to the Relf archive - www.one-name.org/archives/relf.html. It is early days but I expect that the number of users of the Relf archive will increase significantly among both society members and members of the public. And who knows, the International Relf Society may gain additional members in the process. ■

The Relf archive of marriages for England and Wales										
										
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William	ROLFE	1847	1	Amersham	6 381	Esther CHAPMAN	27	Feb	1847	Beaconsfield
Emma	ROLFE	1855	2	Shoreditch	1c 441	Alfred CHAPMAN	28	May	1855	Shoreditch St Leonard
Walter	RELf	1873	2	Cranbrook	2a 975	Phoebe CHAPMAN	25	May	1873	Goudhurst
William	RALPH	1873	4	Whitechapel	1c 852	Agness CHAPMAN	21	Oct	1873	Christ Church Spitalfields
Joseph	ROFF	1875	3	W Derby	8b 532	Sarah CHAPMAN	9	Aug	1875	Edge Hill St Mary
Fanny Susan	RELf	1892	4	Bethnal G	1c 497	John William CHAPMAN	13	Mar	1892	Bethnal Green

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The data holder for this archive is Mr Clifford R Kemball. In some circumstances, the data holder may have further information about the data displayed. They may be contacted at relf@one-name.org or via their website at www.relfsociety.org.

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31st Guild Conference and AGM

Around the World An International Perspective

By **David Gardner**

The Belfry Hotel, just off the M40 consists of a number of buildings that appeared to have grown organically and woven together.

It was noticeable from the moment that people came into the hotel that this was a meeting of like minded souls, be it old friends or new contacts.

Else Churchill opened the conference on the first evening with a talk on "Records for the British Overseas". She gave an informative overview of the records available in the UK; in the Library of the SOG, the National Archives, the British Libraries Indian Collection, the London Metropolitan Archives, Guildhall Library and at the Family History Centres. We were also reminded that there were numerous online sources.

Following Else's talk a quiz had been arranged in which about half of us gamely opened ourselves to embarrassment by taking part. Flag recognition not being our strong suit, but come what may, the quiz, ably run by Kirsty was hilariously enjoyed by all.

Else Churchill



Saturday / AGM

The first part of Saturday morning was the Annual General Meeting. Under the chair of the President we were given an overview of the Guild's finances and the state of the membership at a time of economic uncertainty. We were also provided with our committee's proposals for the future. Following the election of the Officers of the Society a new item was on the agenda, the election of Master Craftsman of the Guild of One Name Studies. Eleven of our members were so honoured. Only seven entries had been received for the 2010 Guild Publication Awards, so only a single award was given, and that was to Maureen Kenchington for her essay on "Synthesis in the Waycott one-Name Study". The AGM closed shortly afterwards.

Conference resumed after coffee with Sherry Irvine from British Columbia who talked about the "Canadian data sources for One-Namers". Sherry reminded us how different Canada is from the UK, not only in size but in how it is governed, and that though there are central archives, most records are to be found in various repositories in the provinces. She also pointed out that Canada as now constituted, is fairly new, with Newfoundland only joining the federation in 1947.

Sherry gave us an overview of the records available in the Federal Archives, (much of it being accessed via their Website), records available at Provincial Archives, (much also available online) and other locally held records.

The final morning session was from Sharon Hintze of the Church of Latter Day Saints. Her topic was "LDS resources and One-Namers" In many ways Sharon's very funny talk was about things to come. She reminded us that the Mormon filming programme



Sherry Irvine

was geared to the origins of the members of the church. In the past that was predominately from the British Isles and North West Europe but with increasing number of Latin American members, Spain and Portugal will become more prominent.

Sharon gave us an overview of the resources available at the LDS's Family History Libraries, emphasising that there were more than just UK records. Records from around the world are available or may be ordered. We were also informed that the IGI as we know it is to be withdrawn and new datasets are in the process of being introduced.

Following lunch and after we were informed who our new chairman was, Peter Bailey gave a talk on

Sharon Hintze



"Researching Ancestors in British India 1600 - 1947". Peter, Chairman of Families in British India Society (FIBIS), started by reminding us of how the British became involved in India, how the East India Company came to govern India and how the personalities of its senior officials changed the relationship between the company and the locals resulting in India being governed by the British State until independence in 1947. He described how India was divided between the various elements of the East India Company and where the records can be found. He also gave a demonstration of the sources available via the FIBIS website.



Peter Bailey

Our final speaker for the day was Bob Cumberbatch with his talk on "Caribbean Records for One-Namers". This was very much a personal story, presented in a very amusing but informative style.

He described his search for the origins of his rare name, how it took him to Barbados, how the British came to the Island and how their genes over the centuries merged with the slave population and how on emancipation surnames were adopted. He also described how the climate plays havoc on the records for which the government cannot afford to provide secure archival storage.

Saturday evening was the Banquet; After an excellent meal we were entertained by the Band "De Ja Vu" with music from the 1940s to the 70s which drew many of us to the dance floor, whilst the bar in the attached lounge provided plenty of evidence of 'social networking' in action.

Sunday

By 10 o'clock Sunday morning we started to gather for tea/coffee before



Bob Cumberbatch

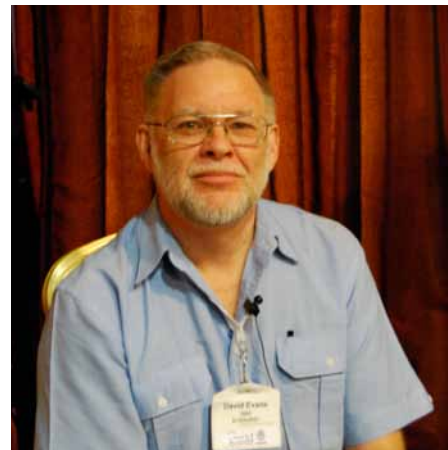
the day's lectures. The first talk was Paul Millington's "Developments with the Guild Archive facility. Paul gave us an overview of recent developments, describing the archive facilities available via the website and how it has been designed following input by members, how members have the ability to identify who is searching their records and deny access if necessary.

Paul's talk was followed by Helen Osborn, on "Do we share the same language? Comparisons between American and British genealogists".

Helen made the point that it was not quite so, since we undertake our research for substantially different reasons. As immigrants the Americans wanted to know where they came from, they wanted to know their kin, but were less interested in their pedigree - though that's not how it sometimes comes across. They are prepared to invest a lot of time and money into data collection.

It was the break with Britain, rather than the arrival of the Mayflower, that is the defining moment for most Americans and subsequently led to the creation of organisations such as the Daughters of the American Revolution with their large libraries; Libraries founded on a competitive desire to ensure that their State had the best collections of genealogical material.

This was followed by lunch after which David Evans gave a very amusing and enlightening talk on "Looking Down Under". He started with testing our knowledge of the history of Australia, with the Aborigines first, followed by the Portuguese in the 16th Century and in the following centuries by more accidental tourists particularly on the western seaboard.



David Evans

He also reminded us that Britain's dominance on the continent came out of those twin fears 'The French' and the 'convict', we needed a home for the second and there was no way that we were going to let the French in. He continued with the history and origins of the various Australian States, how they developed and divided until they arrived at the current Federal position.

The final talk was from Sherry on the "Golden opportunities for One-Namers - Gold rushes around the Pacific Rim 1848 to 1866" in which she drew in some of the threads of the previous talks. She drew our attention to how many of the gold strikes were interlinked especially in North America since they tended to follow on from each other and in most cases the same miners appeared at the new strikes as the old ones became worked out. Many of the men and women stayed in the country once the gold rush was over and started to create new communities, especially in New Zealand and Australia, which formed the basis of the present urban and rural communities.

This talk was followed by the formal closing of the conference and every one wound down as we had our final afternoon tea and coffee and prepared to depart, but looking forward to next year's conference.

Available during the weekend, in a room adjacent to the College Suite lounge, were various displays, help in setting up your Guild profile, the Guild's new Probate Index and of course the Guild bookstall manned by the indomitable Howard and his trusty helpers.

As a non-driver, I was only able to attend due to fellow Hertfordshire group members Judy Cooper and Barbara Harvey. Thank you. ■

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Guild Photo Report Conference



Left to right - 1. The Oxford Belfry - Conference venue. 2. Delegates ready themselves for the first sessions. 3. The AGM commences. 4. Delegates enjoy some excellent food. 5. 'Allo, 'Allo! - David & Ann Gynes. 6. Delegates enjoy a breath of fresh air before the banquet. 7. Peter Hagger, Kirsty Gray & Cliff Kemball. 8. Who said Guild members are a stuffy lot? 9. New Registrar - Stephen Daglish. 10. A happy quiz winner. 11. Paul Millington & partner Caroline. 12. The conference hall. 13. The banquet dinner in full swing. 14. Three wise men. 15. Deja Vu - The conference entertainment.



16. Editor Keith Bage shows Sandra Turner his best dance moves. 17. Theresa & Stuart Pask. 18. Gillian Stevens offers some help to other Guild members. 19. I think I'm turning Japanese - Jeanne Bunting & Graham Walter in fancy dress. 20. Some of the first winners of the 'Master Craftsmen of the Guild' award. 20. Cheers! - Derek Palgrave (right) raises his glass. 21. A delegate eyes his conference pack. 22. Another table of banquet diners 23. Helen Osborn. 24. Ken Mycock & Anne Shankland in conversation. 25. Iain Swinnerton dances the night away.

Searching for Nathaniel

DNA testing as part of the long (and winding) road

By **June A. Willing**

I never had any intention of doing a one-name study on my surname, Willing. I live in Glasgow, and when I began my research, in the 1970s, virtually the only way to research the English ancestors of my grandfather, Frederick George Willing, was to go to London and fight my way to the index books in St Catherine's House. I could never get out of the place quickly enough. The prospect of spending any length of time extracting names from the index books did not appeal at all.

The Search

Fred was born in Rochester, Kent in 1895, and I soon got back to the marriage of his grandparents, Nathaniel Wilcox Willing, a stonemason, and Fanny Emily Pearson at St Saviour, Southwark in 1854. I made regular visits to London, whenever I could afford it, and made good progress on Fred's other lines, but the Willings were a problem. Fanny was from Rochester, and Nathaniel and Fanny went to live there after their marriage, but establishing where Nathaniel was from proved to be difficult. All I knew was that his father's name was Nathaniel, and he was also a stonemason. In those days, the census was almost totally unindexed, but I managed to locate the family in the 1861 and 1871 censuses, and once it was released in 1982, the 1881 census. In 1861 and 1881, Nathaniel said he was born in Sheerness, around 1827, but in 1871, he said Rochester, and I wasted a lot of time before establishing that his

baptism was not to be found in either of these places.

It dawned on me that place of birth and place of baptism may not be the same, but I did not find Nathaniel's baptism until the release of the 1986 edition of the IGI on microfiche. I had to go to the Society of Genealogists in London to see the English counties. I checked Kent, then London, without much hope of finding anything. I can still remember staring in disbelief at the entry for Nathaniel Wilcox Willing's baptism in 1827 at St Andrew Holborn, London. It was 1987, and I had been looking for Nathaniel's baptism for over eight years. Little did I know that it would take me even longer to find his father's.

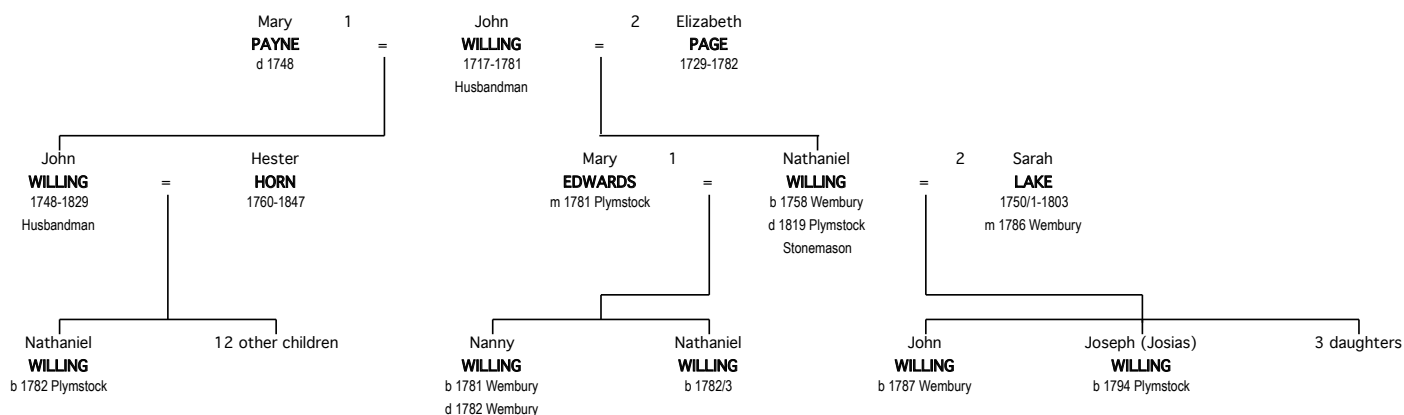
On that breakthrough visit to London I made some other important discoveries. As well as Nathaniel's baptism in 1827, with a birth date of 1826, the St Andrew Holborn parish register also gave me the baptisms of two of his sisters on the same date, Ann, born in 1814 and Mary in 1820. The IGI for Kent gave me a baptism for another sister, Elizabeth, at The White Chapel (Wesleyan), Sheerness, in 1824, and the actual register at the Public Record Office (now The National Archives) said that Nathaniel and his wife Ann were from Bristol.

I searched through the death indexes from 1837 onwards, looking for any

person called Nathaniel Willing, in the hope that the father was still alive in 1837. I found a death in 1855 and took a chance on buying the death certificate, which paid off. Nathaniel Willing, aged 73, builder, died in 1855 at Stratford, Essex, giving me an address for the 1851 census, where Nathaniel was living with his married daughter Eliza Davis and her family. He was a widower, so I searched backwards from 1851 and found his wife Ann's death in 1850 in St Pancras. In the census, Eliza said she was born in Bristol, around 1810/1, but Nathaniel's birthplace was said to be Plymouth, around 1780/1, or 1781/2, according to his age at death.

After more research, I established that Nathaniel Willing and Ann Davis had married in 1809 at St Mary le Port, Bristol. Alas, Ann's death in 1850 means I will probably never know where she was from. I now knew that they had had two daughters in Bristol, Eliza in 1810/1, and Ann in 1814. By 1820, they were in Sheerness, where Mary was born in 1820, Elizabeth in 1822, though not baptised until just before her death in 1824, and finally Nathaniel Wilcox in 1826, before their move to London in 1827.

I thought I would be able to find Nathaniel fairly easily, knowing he was born in Plymouth around 1780/2, but circumstances meant that I was not able to visit Devon until 1995. He was not to be found in any of the Plymouth parishes, and the only Nathaniel Willing I could find was baptised in Plymstock, just outside Plymouth. He was the son of John and Hester Willing, and baptised in 1782, which was about right, but it looked like he could have been buried in 1785. However, there were a number of men named Nathaniel Willing in Plymstock in the 18th century, and unfortunately the burial register for the date in



question only gives names, no ages or other descriptions such as 'infant'.

Beginning a One-Name Study

I searched for all the Willings I could find in Plymstock and the neighbouring parishes of Wembury and Brixton. I managed to reconstruct a tree including virtually all of them, but I was still unable to find a plausible alternative candidate for the Nathaniel buried in 1785. After another visit to Plymouth in 1996, searching registers in ever increasing circles, I realised that since I was collecting data on all the Willings in Devon, I might as well do a proper one-name study. The GRO indexes were now easily available on microfiche, and within a short time the indexes themselves were moved to the Family Records Centre.

Collecting data from the GRO indexes, the IGI, and the 1881 census index revealed that most people called Willing who are English or of English descent are descended from a small number of families, most of them from Devon. The Plymstock family seems to be the most prolific. I have traced this line back to the marriage of Leonard Willing and Ann Lewis in Plymstock 1607. There are two other major Devon families. The Modbury family goes back to Michael Willing and his wife Elianor who baptised their first known child in Modbury in 1602. The Loddiswell family line goes back at present to the marriage of Richard Willing and Miriam King in Loddiswell in 1694. Richard was of Holbeton at the time of the marriage, and may be the Richard Willing baptised in nearby Ermington in 1658. If so, this line may be tentatively traced back to a baptism in Ermington in 1603. However, more research is required into all the parishes in this area before this can be confirmed.

When I began the one-name study in earnest, the focus of my research changed, as I searched records I had previously ignored. I searched the Plymstock baptisms from 1813 onwards, hitherto of little interest since my ancestor must have left by then, if he was from Plymstock in the first place. I found that Nathaniel and Ann had baptised a daughter Mary in Plymstock in 1817, just before her burial at the age of 10 months. This sad event gave me the first real evidence that I was on the right track. It looked like Nathaniel had left

Devon, gone to Bristol, then returned to Devon in 1817 before going to Sheerness. He was a stonemason, so his stays in Bristol and Sheerness and his move to London in 1827 could easily be explained in terms of work. But why would he move from Bristol to a small place like Plymstock if he was not from there in the first place?

So was he the Nathaniel baptised in 1782, the son of John and Hester? There was more circumstantial evidence. John Willing was a husbandman (small farmer) but he had a half-brother Nathaniel who was a stonemason, to whom the young Nathaniel could have been apprenticed. The names of Nathaniel and Ann's grandchildren provided more indications. Their eldest daughter Eliza Davis had named a daughter Hester Davis. One of the other daughters, Mary Hamlin, had named a son John Willing Hamlin. None of this was absolute proof, but I was almost convinced, though still not certain.

Once again the breakthrough came at the Society of Genealogists, where I was browsing through indexes, collecting any Willing data I could find, when I discovered that Nathaniel had left a will, proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. Nowadays, it is simple to search the PCC indexes online, but in those days it was a complicated business and I had not thought it was worth while, until I came across a published index, covering the years 1853-1857. It was the last day of my holiday, and I just had time to go to the Family Records Centre to get a copy of the will, before returning home.

As I scanned the copy, a phrase leapt off the page, "... to pay Mrs Willing wife of Joseph Willing my half-brother the sum of five pounds ..." Joseph Willing my half-brother? So Nathaniel could not be the son of John and Hester. John was a bachelor when he married Hester and had predeceased his wife. Fortunately Joseph was not a name much used by any Willing family at that period. The only possible Joseph had to be the son of Nathaniel Willing and his second wife Sarah Lake, baptised in 1794 in Plymstock as Josias, but always known as Joseph. Nathaniel and his first wife, Mary Edwards, had had a daughter Nanny, baptised in 1781 and buried in 1782 in Wembury. I had never found a burial for Mary, but she

must have died because Nathaniel had married Sarah Lake in 1786. This Nathaniel, a stonemason, was the half-brother of John, the husband of Hester, mentioned above, so if he and Mary had had a son around 1782/3, he would have been a first cousin of the Nathaniel, whose baptism I had found originally. So it was not quite back to the drawing board.

But why was there no baptism for Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel and Mary? The parish registers for Wembury in the years 1782 and 1783 have far fewer baptisms and burials than for the years before and after. It appears that they are not complete, with some of the entries missing. There are no Bishops Transcripts for that period to fill the gap. If Mary had given birth to Nathaniel in 1782/3 and died in childbirth, the child might well have been brought up, at least for the first few years of his life, by his father's only brother and his wife, John and Hester. This could explain the grandchildren's names. Nathaniel and Sarah baptised their first child in Wembury in 1787, then apparently moved to Plymstock. So when Nathaniel returned to Devon in 1817 it was to Plymstock, where his family lived, not Wembury, where he had probably been born. (Alternatively, I suppose he might have been born before his parents' marriage in 1781, and not baptised at all.)

None of this was absolute proof, but the circumstantial evidence stacked up, and I was satisfied that I had the answer at last. It was 1999 and it had taken me twelve years.

The DNA Project

Of course, this is a problem for which DNA testing might have been specifically designed, but at that time it was not a practical proposition. For one thing, such testing was very expensive and not readily accessible to someone like me. For another, I did not know any suitable candidates to test. Mine is a very small study, and although I had made contact with quite a few other researchers, none of them had a male-line descent.

All that has gradually changed, as the cost of testing has steadily dropped and commercial testing has become viable. The huge growth of the World Wide Web has meant that contact with relatives and other researchers has increased exponentially. I was still

rather unsure, though. Would testing reveal things I would rather not know? The number of researchers with a Willing male-line descent whom I knew could still be counted on the fingers of one hand, when I made contact with a researcher in Canada, who turned out to be a 9th cousin. Her 80-year-old father had a Willing male-line descent and I decided to seize the chance.

My father has been dead for many years and I have no brothers, so I contacted a first cousin, who agreed to take part. I set up a DNA project with Family Tree DNA and he became the first participant in the project (A). Our Canadian cousin agreed to become the second participant (B). Anyone who has done this will know how hard it is to wait for these first results to arrive, but just before Christmas 2008, I had both results. They matched on 34 out of 37 markers, so they were definitely related. What a relief, but the results threw me a bit. I had thought that either they would match exactly, or not match at all, but I still had quite a lot to learn.

I realised I needed more results from the Plymstock family and from representatives of the other Willing families in Devon. I then approached a third cousin (C), who lives in the Isle of Wight. I realised that I should try and get at least two results from among Nathaniel's descendants. Because Nathaniel Wilcox Willing had no brothers, a third cousin was the furthest away I was going to get. It turned out that C had a 35/37 match with A, and a 36/37 match with B. In other words, it looked like A had acquired two mutations in four generations. I understand this is statistically unlikely, but it obviously happens. A sixth cousin from Australia (D), descended from John and Hester, provided the fourth result. He has a 36/37 match with C, a 35/37 match with B and a 34/37 match with A.

So, C ties everyone else together. None of the others has a genetic difference of more than two from

him. Furthermore, he has a genetic difference of only one from both B and D, who are not descended from Nathaniel. I felt that these results confirmed my research, as far as they went, but what about the other Willing families from Devon, the Modbury and Loddiswell families?

I scoured my correspondence and located a representative of the Loddiswell line with a male-line descent, in New Zealand. I approached him through his mother, my previous correspondent, and he agreed to take part. A chance contact on Facebook around the same time provided me with the mother of a male representative of the Modbury line in Canada, who also agreed to take part. Coincidentally, he lives only a few miles away from B. The Loddiswell descendant (E) and the Modbury descendant (F) proved to be related to the other participants. E has a 34/37 match with C, as has F, although on different markers. E has a 33/37 match with F. A and E have a probable parallel mutation at marker CDYb. So, on the basis of one representative from each of these other lines, A and C are apparently more closely related to B and D than to E or F.

I had mixed feelings about this relationship. It might have helped if these families had had distinct DNA signatures, making it easier to distinguish between their descendants. But clearly these three families, and quite possibly any other Willing families originating in Devon, can all be traced back to one man. It's something I was not really expecting. Willing is a locative name, almost certainly derived from Willing Farm, in the parish of Rattery, near Totnes. I presume this would have been a village in the Middle Ages, or at least a collection of farms, and probably a number of unrelated families lived there. Modbury and Ermington are about eight miles from Willing Farm, and Plymstock a further ten miles away.

The results appear to confirm that I was correct in attaching Nathaniel to

the Plymstock tree. They also show that all three families, Plymstock, Modbury and Loddiswell, are related before the start of the parish registers. I am trying to locate further descendants of the Modbury and Loddiswell trees, and representatives of other Willing trees. There are two or three other small Willing families from Devon, who may well be related to the three main trees, and some Willing families in Somerset, who probably migrated from Devon. It will be interesting to try to establish whether all English Willings are related or not. I would also like to include representatives of Willing families from elsewhere, such as Germany. I now have someone in the project descended from a Dutch family, who is not related to the English Willings, but this family is known to have changed its name to Willing around 1812.

Summing Up

I was slightly worried that the results on their own could be interpreted in other ways. Did they or did they not finally prove that my research was correct, some ten years after I had first solved the problem? An article by Chris Pomery, published in the *Journal of Genetic Genealogy*, vol.5, no.2, Fall 2009, included the following statement:

"the DNA results point to potential linkages, the contextual evidence either supports or conflicts with those hypotheses, but only the documentary evidence demonstrates how the tree is actually put together."

So all these years of research have not been made redundant by DNA testing, which in this case really becomes another piece of circumstantial evidence. Well, it's good enough for me.

As a final thought, if Nathaniel's baptism had not been missing from the Wembury parish register, I would probably never have started my one-name study. And if the baptisms of St Andrew Holborn had not been indexed in the IGI, I might still be stuck in London, with a marriage in 1854. ■

Table 1. DNA Results

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D Plymstock	11	23	14	11	11	14	12	12	12	14	13	30	15	9	9	11	11	25	15	18	30	14	15	16	17	11	12	19	23	15	15	18	17	37	38	12	12
E Loddiswell	11	23	14	11	11	14	12	12	12	13	13	29	15	9	9	11	11	25	15	18	30	14	15	16	17	11	12	19	23	15	15	18	17	36	37	13	12
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Marriage Challenge Update

By **Peter Copsey**

Challenges That Use The Internet

I am often asked what help is there online for a Marriage Challenge.

The fully searchable index of registered marriages provided by FreeBMD is, of course, important for a Challenge. But it is more of a help to members in preparing their request list to send to Challengers than a help to Challengers themselves. Nevertheless, FreeBMD throws light on the GRO page numbering system by providing page ranges for each Registration District (RD) which can be used to help identify errors in the numbering, whether inherent GRO errors or errors in the lists sent by members to the Challenger.

More Useful Sites

UKBMD (www.ukbmdsearch.org.uk) also indexes marriages, and for the nine principal areas the additional information supplied can be very useful. It gives the name of the spouse and, importantly for Marriage Challenge, the name of the establishment where the marriage took place. There have been several enquiries about a Challenge for a Cheshire RD and I have explained that UKBMD will help a great deal. Perhaps this did not have its desired effect and instead of encouraging Challengers it may have deterred them. With the church identified, there is little searching left to do and the Challenge becomes more a look-up operation. However, the results from a Challenge in Cheshire and the other areas covered by UKBMD will be just as useful to our members, so I'm

hoping that Challengers for Cheshire RDs will step forward.

There are a few instances of the actual marriage register images on line. The biggest source is the Ancestry images of London marriages. These are also indexed so a Marriage Challenge in a RD that is within the area covered by the London Metropolitan Archives (LMA) becomes less relevant, as members with Ancestry subscriptions should be able to quickly view the relevant marriage entry images themselves. Nevertheless, Challenges in LMA do continue; specifically to help those without Ancestry subscription and to find those marriages not indexed correctly. In these cases care needs to be taken not to infringe Ancestry's copyright.

Essex Record Office is slowly putting images on line (see their SEAX web-site at seax.essexcc.gov.uk/displayParishContents.asp) and my Romford Marriage Challenge, which is presently in progress, is being helped by this. It is fortunate that two of the church records in Romford RD are digitised and Mary Rix has thankfully extracted the cardinal points. Looking at my search list, I can immediately identify marriages that took place in Barking St Margaret's (the second biggest church in the RD) and Barkingside Holy Trinity. I am finding the quickest way to transcribe a marriage in these two churches is to first find it on ERO's micro-fiche and to note the marriage entry number. I can relate the entry number to SEAX's image number and can get the image

on screen very quickly. The digitised image quality on screen is far superior to the micro-fiche and my transcription becomes quicker and better.

Medway Archives and Local Studies Centre also have put all their images on line (see cityark.medway.gov.uk) and I am waiting for a volunteer willing to undertake a Marriage Challenge from home using these images. For someone a little wary of becoming a Challenger, I would suggest that Hoo RD is one to pick as it must be one of the smallest RDs in the country. As far as I can determine, there are only seven small churches and the number of requests a Challenger is likely to receive (using the little formula I gave in Vol 10, Issue 1) is only 55 for the full period 1837 to 1911.

Become a Challenger

Marriage Challenge is rewarding and enjoyable and you will be helping your fellow Guild members with their studies. You could share the task with a friend or another Guild member. If you think you could become a Challenger, I look forward to hearing from you. Contact me, the Marriage Challenge Co-ordinator, on marriage-challenge@one-name.org

Below is a list of some forthcoming Challenges. All Guild members are encouraged to send their requests to the Challengers by e-mail, hopefully using the standard "requests.xls" spreadsheet on the MC web-page. However, many Challengers will accept requests in any form (for postal addresses, see the Members' Handbook). Send the listing extracted from the GRO index (FreeBMD will give almost all of them) for the named Registration District between the years given (Year, Quarter, Surname, First names, Full GRO reference). Challengers will search for and often find your marriages in the deposited Anglican Church registers and then send you the full particulars. ■

Registration District and Period	Deadline	Challenger	Challenger's e-mail
Westminster* 1837 - 1911	8th Aug 2010	Sian Plant	gillingham@one-name.org
Poplar (Repeat) 1837 - 1911	31st Aug 2010	David Horwill	horwill@one-name.org
Dudley 1837 - 1911	30th Sep 2010	Ian Preece	preece@one-name.org
Stourbridge 1837 - 1911	30th Sep 2010	Ian Preece	preece@one-name.org

* Westminster includes the Districts referred to as St James, Westminster (sometimes Westminster St James) and St Margaret, Westminster.



Promoting the Guild in North America

By **Susan C. Meates**

The Guild is better known in the UK, than in North America. As a result, the majority of members are in the UK, with only 72 members in Canada and 132 in the USA.

As you may know, the Guild has recently taken its first steps towards a more active marketing and promotion of the Guild in North America, something that will continue to be developed by John Coldwell, who has recently taken over the Marketing role.

Several members in North America have given presentations and/or manned Guild displays, in an effort to increase the visibility of the Guild and to find new members.

This article highlights the efforts of our North American members to increase the profile of the Guild. It was difficult to find out which members have had a display or given a presentation, since there is no historical record of these events. If you were left out of this article by mistake, please let John Coldwell of the Marketing Subcommittee know about your activities, so these events will be recorded. Knowing about events, both past and future, enables the Marketing Subcommittee to more effectively analyze any increases in new memberships. Plus, knowing about future events will ensure that you receive any needed support.

We also need more volunteers in North America, to give presentations and/or to have a display at genealogy events. It would be helpful to know who is available, and what geographic area you can cover. Due to the geography of North America, it will take many volunteers to cover all the different genealogy events, as we work towards raising the awareness of the Guild, and to develop an interest in studying surnames. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Susan Meates.

First North American Guild Event

The first North American Guild Event was held at the New England Regional Conference back in 2005. This was a display promoting the Guild manned by Robert Young and Peter Wells - Robert lives in Connecticut and Peter lives in New Hampshire.

Robert also represented the Guild with a display at the 2006 Federation of Genealogical Societies Conference, in Boston, Massachusetts. With the help of Guild members Steven Whitebread, Elizabeth Kipp, Peter Wells, and Barbara Nethercott, the display was fully staffed for the duration of the Conference. It's estimated that the conference had 4,400 attendees.

Robert has a proposal outstanding for the presentation called Exploring Your Surname at the 2011 New England Regional Genealogical Conference, in Springfield, Massachusetts. In addition, he plans to again have a display for the Guild at this conference.

For those members who have not met Robert, here is some brief background information:

Robert Young

is a frequent lecturer on grave-stone studies, including carvers, symbolism, restoration and metallic markers, as well as a lecturer on colonial American apothecary. He has lectured in the U.K. on resources in the U.S. for One Name Studies; and lectured in

Peter Wells & Robert Young



Valencia, Spain, on gravestone restoration programs in the U.S.

Robert is President of the Danbury Historical Society; and a member of the New England Historical Genealogy Society, Godfrey Library, Association of Professional Genealogists, and Association for Gravestone Studies.

Robert is currently employed as Superintendent of a 110 acre Victorian cemetery in Connecticut, and is the North East USA Regional Representative for the Guild.

First North American Guild Presentation

The earliest North American Guild presentation that I was able to discover was a presentation in British Columbia, Canada in September, 2006, by Dick Chandler. He has given multiple presentations since this date. His presentation runs for 1 hour, and is a customized version of the Guild's PowerPoint presentation, followed by a Q&A session. The presentation explains the what, why, and how of doing a One-Name Study, including the benefits to other genealogists interested in one of the surnames being studied. The material highlights what is different about British genealogy, includes some coverage of DNA surname projects, and adds some general genealogy tips. Then the Chandler project is used to illustrate a one-name study in practice.

Dick has given presentations at the following events, in one case driving more than 1000 miles round trip, and having a new member join on-line, before he even reached home. Here is a list of Dick Chandler's events:

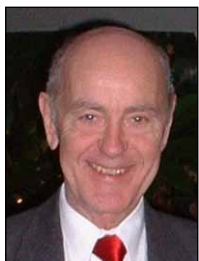
Alberta

Calgary 10 Sep 2007
Grande Prairie 18 Sep 2007
Edmonton 27 Sep 2007
Medicine Hat 24 April 2010 GenFair

British Columbia

Salmon Arm Sep 2006
Vernon 14 Feb 2007
Salmon Arm Sep 2008
Victoria 1 Oct 2009

For those members who have not met Dick, here's some brief background.



Dick Chandler

was born in England and pursued a career directing computer systems developments in international financial institutions. This included seven years

based in Hong Kong. He retired in 2002 and emigrated to Salmon Arm, BC with his Canadian wife Elaine, and became a proud Canadian citizen in March of 2007. He is the Guild's regional representative for Canada West.

First Florida Guild Event

Larry Vick gave the first presentation in Florida, to a meeting of the Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County (GSPBC), on November 14, 2009.

At Larry's presentation he discussed how he became interested in researching the VICK surname and how he had hit a brick wall with his immigrant ancestor Joseph VICK of Lower Parish, Isle of Wight County, Virginia. Joseph was born between 1640 and 1650, and first appeared in Virginia records in 1675.

There is no proof of where Joseph was born or who his parents were. To try to break through this brick wall, Larry realized he would have to expand the scope of the research.

In his presentation, Larry shared with the audience how he came to joining the Guild. After looking at the Guild's website, he discovered that the Guild provided a useful framework, excellent resources, and support to conduct a Vick one-name study, and that researching all persons with the VICK surname would help him find the answer to the origin of Joseph Vick.

Larry's presentation then covered the meaning of the VICK surname, the origins of the name, how and where variants arose, the surname's distribution over time, its relative frequency, the main patterns of distribution

change, including emigration and immigration, and finally how DNA is used in the Vick one-name study.

On April 10, 2010, Larry gave another presentation about the Guild in Florida, as well as manning a Guild display at the Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Genealogy Fair, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. NSU is the largest independent institution of higher education in Florida as well as being the seventh largest independent institution nationally. The Guild display attracted so many visitors, that Larry did not have an opportunity to talk with them all.

For those members who have not met Larry here's a background sketch.



Larry Vick

was born in the U.S. but he lived in England for four years when his father was stationed at RAF Sculthorpe. Larry has also lived in Japan and

Thailand. Like his father, he served in the U.S. Air Force and then worked in private enterprise before retiring. During his Air Force service, he had many postings, including the Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island and Camp Smith in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is the editor of the Vick Family Newsletter and a member of the board of the Joseph Vick Family of America. He is also 1st Vice President of the Genealogical Society of Palm Beach County (Florida, USA). Additionally, he is the administrator of the Vick Rootsweb surname e-mail list and the Vick Rootsweb surname board. Larry is also the administrator of the VICK and Allied Families DNA Project and co-administrator of the VICK Y-DNA Surname Project.

First California Guild Event

For those Guild members who have a DNA Project, you might belong to the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG), and may have encountered Katherine Borges, who is the Director and Co-Founder of ISOGG. Katherine gave the first Guild presentation in California, at a large conference called Jamboree, in June 2010, held in Burbank, California. This annual conference is organized by the Southern California Genealogical Society.

For the past two years, the Guild has been one of the sponsors of this event, by contributing certificates for UK research as door prizes, which are extremely popular.

Katherine's presentation, Exploring Your Surname, provided education on surnames and one-name studies, as well as introducing the Guild to attendees. The lecture hall was filled to capacity.

The Conference program carried this description of the presentation:

"Your surname is an important part of your identity. This presentation is an opportunity to learn about surnames, how they came about, and the tools and techniques available for you to make discoveries about your surname. Regardless of the ancestral country for your surname, learning about your surname can assist you with your genealogy research. The presentation will cover the historical development of surnames, the emergence of variants, what the current frequency and distribution of your surname can tell you about the origins, and the use of DNA testing to make discoveries about your surname"

For members who have not met Katherine, here is a brief background sketch:



Katherine Borges

is the Co-Founder and Director of The International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG), which promotes and educates about genetic genealogy.

ISOGG has grown to over 7,000 members in 66 countries. With ISOGG, Borges has increased professional standards in the practice, research, and discussion of relevant issues in DNA testing, interpretation, and ethics. She organized a speaker's bureau and Borges herself has given many presentations on genetic genealogy to groups across the United States and in the United Kingdom. She administers several surname, regional, and haplogroup DNA projects, including one on the study of null alleles. She has also published articles on genetic genealogy, has been interviewed by the New York Times and RootsTelevision, and regularly assists other major media organizations with related stories. ■

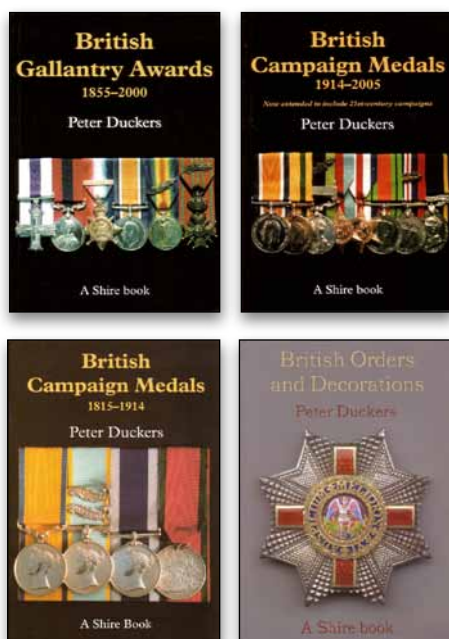


Ssh! We Know
Where You Live...

And this issue is of primary importance to Guild members, of course, because one of the significant services that the Guild offers to its members is to bring

And here's what a few of them look like:





These prices will also apply when I bring the Guild Bookstall to the Guild seminar in Epsom, but please bear in mind that my list doesn't include postage and packing, which will vary depending on the destination, and that I may have already sold the last copy; please check the Bookstall website (www.one-name.org/members/bookstall) for full details.

Where We've Been, Where We're Going

Since the last Journal, it's been a little quiet; but that's because there have simply been fewer events, I'm afraid: a continuing trend. But we did manage to turn up at the Guild AGM/Conference in Thame (!) and then pop down to Worthing a week later and, as I write this, I'm due next week in Maidstone - the scene of my very first sortie with The Guild Bookstall, all those years ago. I had Roy Rayment helping me that day - do you remember, Roy? Thanks for your support back then - it's you we have to blame for me still being here, because

I couldn't have managed without you... Following Maidstone, I'm due in Salisbury for the Wilts FHS Open Day and the redoubtable Ron Woodhouse will be wearing our colours at York Racecourse for the Yorkshire Family History Fair. And in the run-up to my 'retirement' at the end of October, the current Bookstall schedule can be seen in the table below.

If you're in the area, do spare a little time to come and say hello. We'd love to see you and, of course, if you want to help out you'll be doubly welcome!

Event	Place	Date
Bucks FHS Open Day	Aylesbury, Bucks	Sat 24th Jul
Guild Computer Seminar	Epsom, Surrey	Sat 7th Aug
Hampshire GS Open Day	Horndean, Hampshire	Sun 26th Sep
Oxfordshire FHS Open Day	Woodstock, Oxfordshire	Sun 2ndh Oct
Suffolk Family History Fair	Debenham, Suffolk	Sun 9th Oct

Title	Cover Price	Members' Sale Price
English Place-Names Explained	£12.99	£5.00
Fire Insurance Records	£25.00	£12.00
Bradford in the Great War	£14.99	£7.00
The Cotton Industry in Longendale and Glossopdale	£14.99	£7.00
Covent Garden	£10.00	£5.00
Victorian Derby	£14.99	£7.00
Durham City	£15.99	£8.00
Harrogate Past	£15.99	£8.00
Discovery of the Peak District	£20.00	£10.00
British Campaign Medals, 1815-1914	£4.99	£2.50
British Campaign Medals, 1914-2005	£5.99	£3.00
British Gallantry Awards, 1855-2000	£5.99	£3.00
British Orders & Decorations	£5.99	£3.00
The British Soldier of the First World War	£5.99	£3.00
Domestic Bygones	£4.99	£2.50
The Edwardian Home	£5.99	£3.00
Military Barracks	£4.99	£2.50
The Victorian Chemist & Druggist	£4.99	£2.50
The Victorian Clergyman	£3.99	£2.00
The Victorian Domestic Servant	£4.99	£2.50
The Victorian Engineer	£3.50	£1.75
The Victorian Ironmonger	£4.99	£2.50
The Victorian Public House	£4.99	£2.50
The Victorian Schoolroom	£4.99	£2.50
The Victorian Soldier	£4.99	£2.50
The Victorian Undertaker	£4.99	£2.50
(Please remember to add postage and packing when ordering - see the website for details)		

Thanks; A Thousand Times, Thanks

There's something very satisfying about helping behind the tables at The Guild Bookstall. No, no, it has absolutely nothing to do with me! I think it's because, when you're standing there, talking to family historians who just want to find their ancestors, you get a really quite deep understanding of just how keen people are to find out more about their origins. 'Where do I come from?' It's an unnerving question and has the capacity to be almost, well, mysterious.

So, if you want to join in on this 'mystery', please get in touch and you can join with the likes of David Probett, Cliff Kemball, and Corrinne and Tony Goodenough, all of whom have helped me before. Are they simply mad, do you think, or perhaps they have a guilty secret and actually enjoy the experience? Perhaps you'd better ask them? But thanks just the same, all of you! ■



Seminar Report - Mapping Seminar

Helsby Community Centre, Helsby, Frodsham, May 15th 2010

By **Steve Williams**

Nearly 70 Guild members assembled at Helsby in Cheshire for a 'Maps and Mapping' seminar. I say assembled but probably descended from the four corners of Britain would be more appropriate.

Sheila and I 'descended' from almost just round the corner in Chorley Lancashire so it was a leisurely drive for us – a change from our first seminar at Durham when we had to travel the day before and stay over!!!

This was only our second seminar so we went with no preconceived ideas except that if our experience at Durham was anything to go by we were in for a very enjoyable and informative day.

A Well Oiled Machine

The first thing to report is that the organisation of the event was excellent – a testament to a lot of hard work by Gordon Adshead and his Seminar Team. The joining instructions were explicit and informative – enabling us to get to Helsby with no problems. The day ran like clockwork – or so it seemed from our side of the fence – we were not aware of any panics from the organisers!! The sessions all ran to time thanks to the expert control of the Chairpeople. The organisers are to be congratulated on keeping the seminar together after Rod Clayburn, who had done all the hard work, of setting up the programme was unable to attend at the last minute.

We must mention the catering team who kept us fed and watered through the day and laid on a spread that a five star hotel would have been proud of.

Oh, and then there were the sessions!! Something for everyone.

We started with Paul Newman – Sheila was most disappointed it wasn't the Paul Newman!! – who introduced us to the project that has been set up

by Cheshire Record Office to digitise the Tithe Maps and Apportionment Lists of Cheshire and is now available online. Paul told us of the ways in which tithe maps could be used to help our studies and then showed us how we could use the online tithe maps.

Gordon Adshead followed Paul and spoke to us about ways in which we could display our one-name study data on maps and in particular how to use Map My Ancestors and Google Earth. We came away from Gordon's talk resolving to have a go at plotting some of our data – for me it was my Outhwaite births. We also realised that this was going to be yet another task for our todo list!! – maybe when the eight day week comes in!!!!

After lunch, Geoff Riggs took us on a ramble through some of the online maps and mapping resources that can be found online and did it in his own inimitable style.

Next up was Barbara Griffiths who related her experiences of trying to map her Parry data. She explained the highs, the lows, and the frustrations, but convinced us that we all could have a go.

Judy Jones from Familysearch then told us of a new part of the Familysearch website that enabled us to view parish maps and the details of the parishes called 'English Jurisdictions 1851'. This is a very powerful tool for us as it simplifies research by consolidating data from many finding aids into a

single searchable repository. Sheila and I went home resolving to have a look at our own areas of interest to see what was available.

The day finished with Jeanne Bunting asking the question – have we covered everything? The answer was probably no, but the organisers had done their best to cover as much ground in the time available. Jeanne told us about a potpourri of maps and mapping sources, which we can all add to our 'portfolio'.

Networking

Another vital part of the seminar was the attendees and the ability to chat with old friends, and meet new ones. We swapped ideas and experiences, we caught up on each other's studies. We didn't get the chance to talk to everyone but certainly gained from the experience of mixing and socialising with like minded people who all share the same interests.

I hope this has given you a flavour of the day we had at Helsby – another excellent seminar – but we come to expect that from the Guild!! If you have never been to a Guild seminar, I can well recommend them to you, and if you have been to seminars before then I can recommend that you consider going again.

Thanks once again to Gordon and his team for all the hard work and the resulting excellent seminar.

Now its time to start looking through the handouts and visiting the web-sites and maybe even diving into the water and having a go at Mapping My Ancestors on Google Earth.

See you at the next seminar. ■

Readers can find summaries of the presentations at www.one-name.org/members/seminars.html. - See the reverse of this Journal for more pictures.



Forthcoming Seminars

20th Nov 2010

BORN ABROAD?

We have an excellent team of speakers for the day led by Michael Gandy, speaking on his speciality subject of Huguenot Ancestry; Kathy Chater on Black Ancestry in Britain; Jeanette Rosenberg, one of our own Guild Members and Education lead for the Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain plus Peter Bailey, Chairman, Families in British in India Society, who will be presenting on Researching Ancestors in British India 1600 – 1947.

To be held in the Quinell Hall at Sevenoaks Community Centre, Otford Road, Sevenoaks. TN14 5DN

12th Feb 2011

Rogues Seminar

Dr. Colin Chapman is the principal speaker at this seminar covering many aspects of the criminal and religious justice systems. 200 years of Rogues and Victims – were any of yours in court records?

To be held at Ruishton Village Hall, Taunton, Somerset, TA3 5JD, just off the M5.

21st May 2011

Northumberland Mining Seminar

This seminars subject will be 'Mining in the North East' and will cover the coal, lead and iron industries with speakers from the Durham Archives, the Durham Mining Museum and local specialists.

To be held at Northumberland Museum, Archives & Country Park, QE II Country Park, Woodhorn, Ashington, Northumberland, NE63 9YF

Computer Seminar

**7th August 2010, Rosebery School,
Whitehorse Drive, Epsom, KT18 7NQ**

It is quite possible to carry out a small one-name study without the use of a computer. However there is no doubt that computer skills and techniques can make a considerable difference in our ability to handle the data involved in collecting, analyzing and publishing the events involved in larger studies.

The Rosebery School in Epsom has some superb computer facilities and we have the use of four rooms each containing 30 PCs. The day mainly consists of 4 one-hour periods, each with a choice of HandsOn Tutorials, HandsOn Workshops or discussion sessions running in parallel. The programme covers a wide range of topics, covering a wide range of levels of computer skills and interests. There will also be some posters, demonstrations and clinics in the main Hall. Experience has shown that there is no such thing as the best or even ideal tools for one-name studies as their size and properties vary enormously. We can all learn a great deal from each other. This seminar will however provide a very good environment to better understand when and why certain techniques are more appropriate and perhaps gain a better insight into some new and emerging computer techniques.

Programme

	10:00 Plenary Introduction
	10:30 -11:30 A Sessions
A1	HandsOn Tutorial - Finding Census Data
A2	Web Publishing - Using TNG
A3	Holding ONS Data in General Databases
A4	A Look at Cloud Computing and Google Docs
A5	Main Hall - Using Newspaper Sites
	12:00-13:00 B Sessions
B1	HandsOn Tutorial - Data Collection and Tidying in EXCEL
B2	Using Custodian 2 and 3
B3	Understanding GEDCOM; Transferring Data to and from GEDCOM
B4	Mapping & On-line Mapping Tools
B5	Main Hall - Publishing to the Web - Blogs, Slideshare, and Self-Publishing
	13:00 Buffet Lunch Posters & Demos
	14:20-15:20 C Sessions
C1	HandsOn Tutorial - Useful Web Sites and Search engines
C2	Using The Master Genealogist (TMG) & Second Site
C3	Using EXCEL & Word to reconstitute Families
C4	Use of Apple MAC Computers
C5	Main Hall - Housekeeping & Security
C6	Using Postscript and Ghostscript for Better Charts
	15:50-16:50 D Sessions
D1	Self Service Terminal Access with Guidance - Try Out Subscription Sites & Guild Facilities
D2	Using Pedigree & Family Historian
D3	More Advanced Use of EXCEL, Macros & Pivot Tables
D4	Hands-On look at Newspaper sites
D5	Main Hall - Joint discussions on Favourite Tools, Tips and Techniques
	17:00 Plenary Q&A
	17:20 Close

For further details or to book your place, please visit http://www.one-name.org/Seminar_Epsom_Aug2010.html. Book early to avoid disappointment.



Registrar's Notes

By
Stephen Daglish

Volcanic Ash, Reconstructed trees... what next?

David Mellor stood down as Guild Registrar following the Guild AGM in April and I am delighted to have the opportunity to take on this role. David was Registrar for three years and during that time there were significant improvements made and I hope that I can continue to move things forward.

Things didn't start too well. On the day that I was to meet with David to complete the handover two things happened. As I drove to meet with David, it was announced that that volcanic ash from Iceland had caused air space over Britain and much of Northern Europe to be closed. Then on arrival at David's house he told me that the Guild web site was down.

Both of these events were to cause disruption in different ways for several days. The shutting of air space caused some real difficulties for many travellers who found themselves stranded or unable to make planned journeys, including some Guild members. For others like myself who live under busy flight paths it brought some unexpected days of clear skies with no aircraft noise.

The problems with the Guild web site – which were caused by the internet service provider – meant many of the normal services available on the site needed to be temporarily suspended. This included the ability to join online and to make updates, which I know caused problems for a few people; our apologies to any members who were affected during this time.

Register

The product of what the Registrar does is the Register of One-Name Studies. The printed version of this appears annually in April. This remains a key document that circulates widely and the Guild is committed to continue to produce this in paper format.

For some time, current members have had the option to opt out of receiving the paper Register, in return for a reduced annual subscription (currently £14).

In a significant change all new members joining the Guild after May 11 continue to receive a copy of the 2010 Register as part of the welcome pack – but are automatically opted out of receiving the paper Register in future years, again with a reduced subscription – but may elect to receive it in return for the full subscription.

The 2010 Register is available as a downloadable PDF file in the Members Room Information area. You can also search the online Register in the Self Service area of the Members Room – the online Register has the significant advantage of always being up to date.

You can check or change your option for receiving the paper Register in the Members Room Self Service area, or contact me directly.

Reconstructed trees

A post on the Guild Forum by Debbie Kennett mentioned the subject of categories for reconstructed trees in studies and this produced an interesting discussion.

Reconstructed trees is one of a number of additional ways to describe a study introduced in 2009, but which has so far had a disappointing take up.

The trees that are being reconstructed might be described as "one-name trees" relating to the surname being studied.

There are four available categories – a few (defined as up to about 20%), quite a lot (up to about 50%), a majority (up to about 80%) and all or nearly all (more than 80%). This category was intended to provide an indication about how complete

a study might be in terms of family reconstruction, as part of the analysis phase of the study.

Prompted by the Forum postings some members quickly updated their study details using the online facility – but unfortunately this came at the same time as the problems with the website. With normal service now resumed do please take a moment to check the register details for yourself and your study and update these as appropriate, or contact me directly if you do not have online access.

New studies

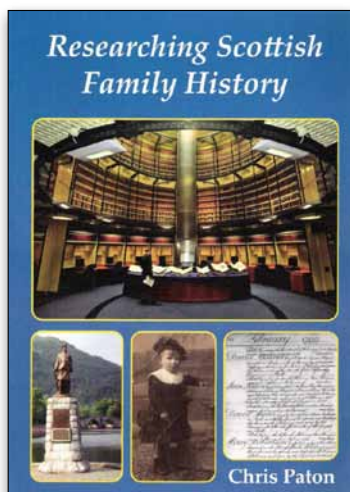
One of the most interesting parts of being Registrar is to see the new studies registered by members. Among new studies registered since the closing date for the 2010 Register are the names below. These reflect the diversity of the names being studied by Guild members: some large and some quite small studies but each with their own characteristics. If you have an interest in any of these names, why not contact the member? Baldwin, Clammason, Cope, Daddy, Done, Dowbiggin, Drinkwater, Dunphy, Elder, Estall, Foad, Fogwill, Gosling, Harwar, Lazenby, Norwood, Osey, Pemberton, Tattershall and Wagland.

I wish you a wonderful summer, wherever you may be, and hope that any plans that you may have will not be disrupted by any unexpected events, either man made or through any "act of God". ■



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New genealogy books and CDs



Researching Scottish Family History by Chris Paton
Published by Family History Partnership, 120 pages, £7.95

There have been a number of new titles published recently on Scottish research including some official guides and several general books on the subject. Coming into this market, author Chris Paton describes his book as a beginner's guide and, in a relatively small book, Chris has managed to pack in a good deal of information interspersed with numerous tips, written with a genuine enthusiasm for the subject.

Starting with an introduction to the principles of research, the next chapter deals with the main archives and record repositories in Scotland, as well as wider sources (Chris includes a good mention for the Guild in this section!) There is a detailed description of The ScotlandsPeople Centre in Edinburgh which will be particularly helpful to the first time visitor.

The heart of the book is in the following chapters covering statutory, parish, census and probate records, describing the contents of these records and their availability.

It was interesting for me to compare the Scottish system with that in England with which I am more familiar. Among the differences that I noticed was that there was no requirement for Scottish ministers to keep death or burial records. As a result, in many cases the only record of death may be a monumental inscription, which is the reason that so many Scottish family history societies have transcription projects, often published on CDs.

The section on wills was also of interest to me, dealing with two forms of estate that an ancestor might leave behind and the arrangements for dealing with these – moveable property which might be described as personal possessions and heritable property being land and other physical property.

There are further chapters on land holdings, taxes and occupations (which includes military records). Chris also tackles DNA and the often vexed questions of heraldry, tartans and clans. A final chapter mops up other sources including newspapers and other publications, emigration, poor relief and hospital records. There are two appendices listing the Regional Archives and the Family History Societies in Scotland, together with an index.

I read this book because I was interested to know more about research in Scotland. Up to now, my only exposure to Scottish records in my One-Name Study has been via the ScotlandsPeople website from where I have downloaded some documents – but I anticipate needing to know more in future. This book does what it sets out to do – to provide a good introduction to Scottish research at a reasonable price, with a wealth of references to find out more. It has whetted my appetite to find out more. ■

Stephen Daglish

One-Name MAIL



Dear Editor,

I would like to record through the columns of the journal, my appreciation of those members who were good enough to nominate me as a recipient of the award of Master Craftsman of the Guild.

Despite some criticism on the Forum, one comment comparing it to an April Fool's joke, I am pleased to have received recognition for my work, particularly in developing the Guild's Archive and Profile facilities - the latter alone responsible for more than 600 additional pages on the Guild website.

Coincidentally, I have decided that the time is right to stand down from the Committee after 11 years of service in order to be able to devote more time to my own one-name study which has been sadly neglected. I hope though that the Committee will allow me to continue to develop additional features for the Guild Archive.

After 11 years, I can see a significant improvement in the facilities provided by the Guild and how the Guild delivers them. I look forward to reading through the pages of the journal of future exciting developments.

Yours Sincerely,

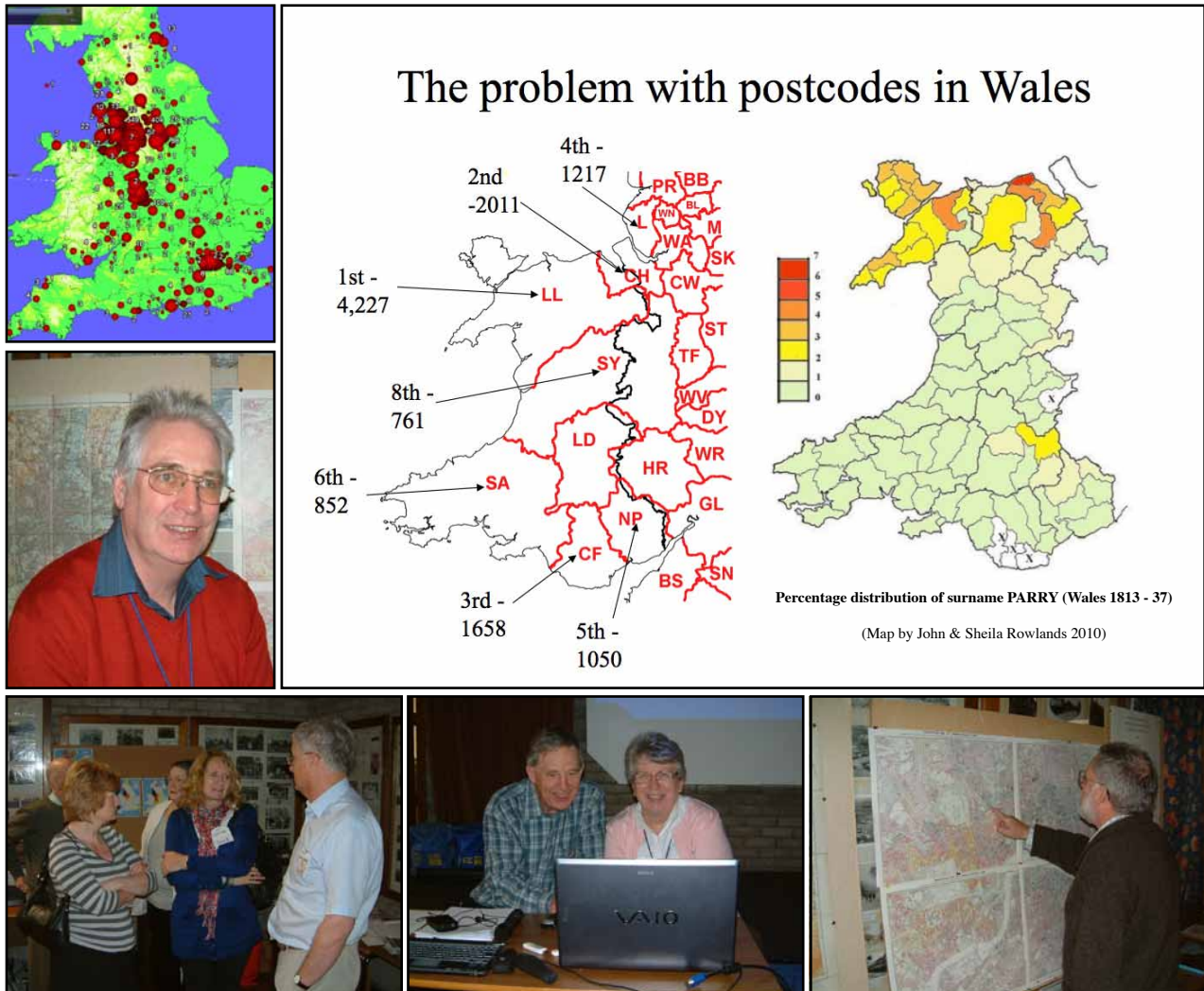
Paul Millington, MCG

Special Offer Extended

The Society of Genealogists has kindly extended their "special offer" of waiving the one off joining fee of £10 to any Guild member who presents the special offer voucher which can be found on-line in the members room at www.one-name.org/members/promotional.html. The offer now expires 31st December 2010.

Pictures from the Guild's recent Mapping Seminar at Helsby

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Main inset: Barbara Griffiths demonstrates the difficulties of displaying the distribution of Welsh data. **Top left:** One of the many uses of Google Earth (and its time slider) to display the distribution and diffusion of male Adshead births over a 450-year timespan. **Middle left:** Steve Williams. **Bottom left:** Several non-Guild members discuss mapping methods. **Bottom Centre:** Gordon Adshead with Judy Jones from Familysearch. **Bottom Right:** An attendee puts the mapping displays to good use.

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