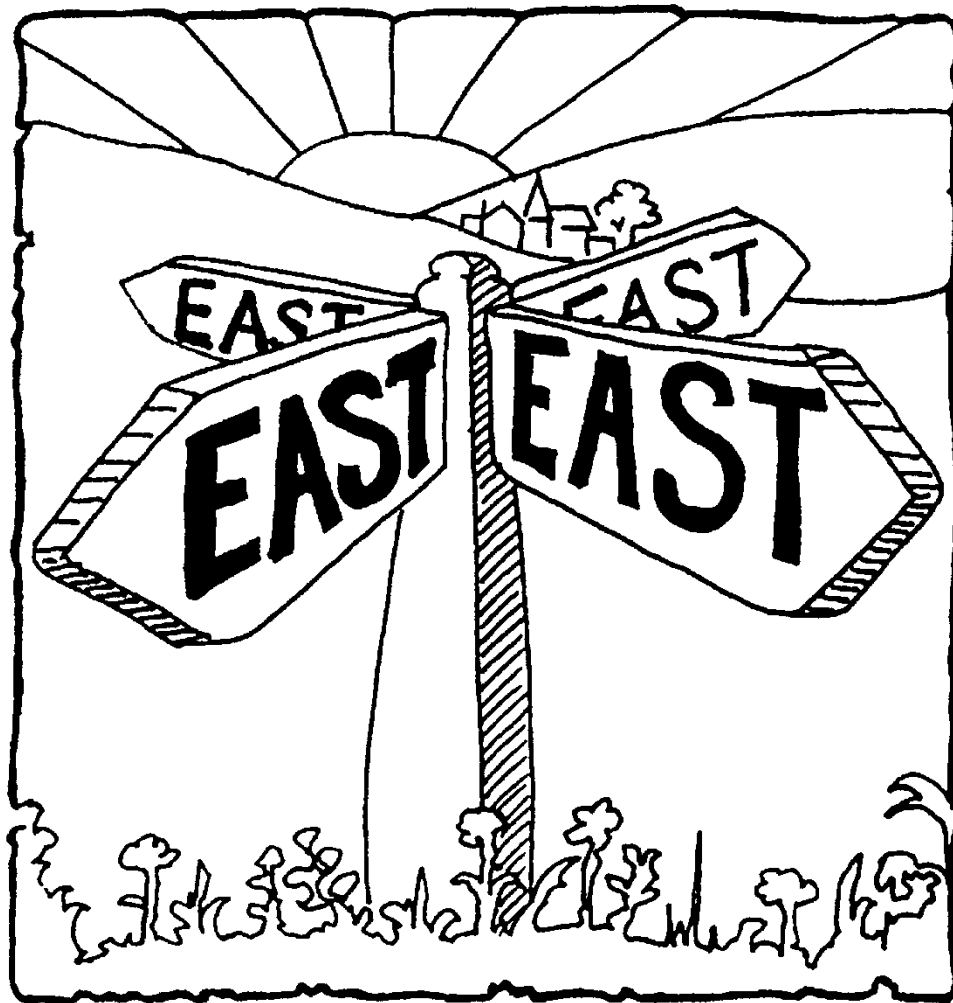


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Editorial

One of my aims for any leisure time in 2023 is to visit some personal UK family history sites – a weekend trip to Lincolnshire is currently planned.

Another aim is to progress my DNA matches – so far managing to link two unknown relatives to my tree!

My non-leisure time remains as hectic as ever with my Masters degree now at the half-way stage! Please see Angela's plea for members to volunteer for small committee tasks to reduce the load on a few of us.

I'd like to add a 'Thank You' to the printer Chris at 'Suttles' in New Malden, Surrey for all his help over the years in being able to produce quality journals.

I hope that you enjoy reading this latest issue of Points East.

Best Regards. Amanda ♦

Chairman's Message

Hello everyone and welcome to my first message as your Chair. This is an exciting new venture for me as most of my life is filled with music – I'm still working as a performer (in Red Priest) and as a teacher. To do something different is so refreshing.

My first aim is to update our website, which will probably take a while. Every organisation needs a good website and I would like one that encourages lots of visits. Once we have this, I will feel more comfortable with recruiting new members and finding some more willing volunteers for our Committee.

I know that you have received several emails inviting you to volunteer but we really do need more people, as the onus for almost all the work is down to four people. The hope is that we can operate on a system I have witnessed in America, where each committee member has a really small job to do. We then have lots of committee members and we can celebrate at the end of the year with a dinner or something similar! Please, please consider volunteering!

We are planning a 30th anniversary event in the Autumn, to which we hope you will all attend. This will be the first event for ages. We need to shake off those Covid cobwebs and get ourselves out of the house again. We will have food and a speaker, as well as all those family trees up on the walls that I can't wait to see!

Do take an active role in our Society!

Angela East ♦

Obituary for Brian East 1940-2022

by Pam Pearce

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Brian East, who died on 11 November 2022, aged 82. He was born in October 1940 and lived in Leybourne Road, Hillingdon. He went to Hillingdon Primary School, and Bishopshalt Grammar School, Hillingdon, from 1952-57. From there he left after taking his O levels, and went to Slough College of Further Education where he took his A levels. He then embarked on an unfinished BSc Degree in Mathematics at Chelsea College of Science & Technology.

He began his working career at the ICI Paints Division at Slough from 1957-63. He then had various jobs in and around London, except for 3 months in Paris in 1982, improving his computing skills on the way, until he finally worked for the FI group, on site at HSBC, Lower Thames Street, London, provisionally for 18 months, but lasting 9 years from 1992-2001, when he retired.

He had always been interested in playing Rugby. He was associated with or played for several Rugby clubs in and around the Middlesex and London areas.

He had an illustrious career in the administrative side of the Rugby world, beginning in 1982 as Administrator of the Middlesex Rugby Football Union, Secretary of the Herts & Middlesex League from 1989/90; on the Rugby 7's committee in 2000; County Secretary in 2004, where he supported women and girls involvement in Rugby and was a past President of Middlesex Rugby from 2014 -16.

He was also very involved in the Arts, and was Treasurer of The Arts Society, Harpenden area, and the Arts Society of Beds & Herts. He was also the East Family History Society's Treasurer for the last 9 years, where he will be greatly missed.

His wife Sandra died a few years ago, and he has 2 daughters, Alex & Emmeline, to whom we send our sincere condolences.

Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting East Family History Society

18:00

Saturday 15th October 2022

Held via Zoom

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Lionel East, Edna Knight and Ros McDermott

2. Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting were accepted.

Proposed: Angela W Seconded: Ros Hipkin

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's Report: Ros Hipkin

Ros welcomed everyone to the meeting and said it was good to see some new faces at the Zoom meeting this year. Ros thanked The Committee for all their hard work in keeping The Society running smoothly over the past twelve months. After nine very happy years in the post Ros has decided it is time to take a step back and hand over the reins to someone new. She gave a special thank you to Brian East our Treasurer who, due to health problems, is also stepping down.

5. Secretary's Report: Peter East

Membership for the year has remained steady. We achieved a 91% membership renewal rate of the 22 members due to renew. We welcomed back Sally East from USA who has also enrolled two family members. It was especially pleasing to welcome Sally to our Zoom AGM making it a first for an overseas member to attend. Membership has remained steady for the past few years in the low 60s. It should be remembered that we have an ageing membership which has meant we have lost a few people in the past few years. There have also been a few short-term memberships in recent years, where some new joiners have gained information they were seeking through The Society which is not available elsewhere and then have left after a year or so. Having said that, the original aim of The Society was to share knowledge gained with others.

6. Treasurer's report: Brian East

Brian reported that due to the ongoing meetings via Zoom, expenses had

been kept to a minimum and with no Web related costs to impact our balance until 2023 and 2024. We currently have a balance of £1330.

Year 2021-2022

Opening Bank Balance 01-Aug-2020 £1145.91

Income

Membership Subscriptions £465.00

Sale of extra copies of Points East £4.00

Sale of Binders £18.00

Donations £0.00

Total income £487

Expenses

Committee Meeting expenses £00.00

AGM expenses £00.00

Points East costs £230.00

Founders Award £50

Website £81.18

Postage £00.00

Total expenses -£361.18

Closing Bank Balance 31-Jul-2021 £1271.73

Opening stock of binders £76.40

Sale of binders £18.00

Closing stock of binders £58.40

Total assets £1330.13

Net movements £107.82

7. Journal Editor's Report: Amanda Gostelow

We have been fortunate to receive so many interesting pictures and articles which have made this year's two issues of considerable interest. We have been especially lucky with our Journal printer. The printer has been

excellent and carried on printing during lockdown. Without the diligence shown we would have been unlikely to hit our timescales. Amanda will include a ‘Thank You’ to the printer in the next issue’s Editorial.

8. Research Managers Report: Angela Waterfall

Angela has been continuing her work on The Ancestry Big Tree and also working on the 1921 Census. She awaits the Wills which Pam and Ken have been working on with one still on the way which has been proving difficult to send electronically. Since June Lines has been experiencing health issues, there is a need for assistance in indexing Points East which June carried out so diligently. Work is taking place researching William East of Twyford. With the upcoming Coronation of King Charles, it would be good to receive member’s recollections of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth 2nd.

9. Website Managers Report: Yvette East

Activity on the site remains very much as previously with nothing outstanding regarding new interest. There have been a few posts on the Guest page which have been responded to. There are no outgoings regarding costs until October 2023 and the Domain Name renewal is not due until January 2024.

10. Founders Award: Peter East

This year’s founders award was another close-run thing between articles by Dorothy Morgan and Valerie Molyneux. By a small margin, the award went to Valerie Molyneux for her contribution regarding John Jellicoe Kitchener East. A cheque for £50 will be sent to Valerie by Brian East our Treasurer.

11. Election of Officers

Apart from the two posts of Chair and Treasurer, all other post holders agreed to remain in their roles.

There were two nominees for the post of Chair:

Angela East

Proposed by Angela Waterfall Seconded by Amanda Gostelow and Yvette East

Proposed by Kevin East Seconded by Peter East

Following a close-run ballot of attendees Angela East was voted in as the new Chairperson.

There were no volunteers for the post of Treasurer and Peter East, the Secretary, has agreed to cover the post on a temporary basis until a new Treasurer can be appointed.

The officers for 2022-2023 are:

Chairperson: Angela East

Research Manager: Angela Waterfall

Treasurer: Peter East

Secretary: Peter East

Social Secretary: Pam Pearce

Website Manager: Yvette East

Journal Editor: Amanda Gostelow

Member: Kevin East

12. Date of next AGM

To be set at a later Committee Meeting

The meeting closed at 19.30

P.E.

Message from the 2022 Founder's award recipient

Hello Brian

Thank you for sending the £50 cheque awarded for John East's winning article about his father who was a prisoner of war in Japan during World War II. I was most surprised that it was awarded to me. I intend forwarding the £50 to John for the 'Darwen Heritage Centre' of which he is a trustee.

Best wishes

Valerie



A Message from our Chairperson

(originally sent to members via email on 25th November 2022)

Dear Member

I would like to introduce myself as your new Chair! I am Angela East and was elected at the recent AGM. This was a delightful surprise and I look forward to meeting you and reactivating The Society after a long period of Covid that brought your activities to a halt. I am a cellist by profession and member of the ensemble Red Priest. My son gave me a present of an Ancestry subscription a few years ago and I have been working away at my family tree ever since!

The recent AGM was a time of change concerning members of the Committee. Ros Hipkin our long-standing Chairperson stood down as did Brian East our Treasurer. A vote of thanks was given to them both for their unstinting loyal service to The Society.

Brian was suffering from ill-health and I am very sorry to have to inform you that he has since passed away. We have lost a wonderful friend and contributing member. Our condolences have been sent to his family. As there were no proposals to take on the Treasurer role, Peter East, our Secretary, has agreed to cover the position until a new Treasurer is appointed.

After the AGM, Yvette East resigned from the post of Website Manager. We are indebted to Yvette for her hard work in developing our website which has been instrumental in advertising our Society and generating new members. She and her husband, Kevin, also stood down from the committee. However, if our Society is to grow and flourish, we do need more volunteers to help with the running of The Society, either as committee members or as part of the research or website management teams. Please do come forward and offer your help.

Remaining Committee Members are Angela Waterfall, our never tiring Research Manager, Amanda Gostelow, who has repeatedly produced Points East with so many interesting articles, the very dedicated Pam Pearce, Peter East our Secretary and Treasurer as well as myself.

We are planning new events for the coming year, including a special one for our 30th Anniversary, so please do join us! Covid has left many active people in a state of rest (they were quite enjoying that!) and we really do need some get up and go now!

With best wishes

Angela East

Memories of Coronation 1953

by Angela Waterfall, Research Manager

In May 2023 King Charles 3rd will be crowned King. The coronation will be televised around the world and there will be a weekend of celebrations and street parties. For many people of my generation, it will also be a time to reflect on the late queen's coronation.

Seventy years ago, on June 2nd, 1953, I was living in High Wycombe with my parents, Ken and Betty East and my two older sisters, Cynthia and Maureen. I was nearly four years of age and have few recollections of the actual coronation itself. What memories I have of the coronation have been gained from the newspapers that still lie in a folder in our cellar. Now yellow with age, they are a reminder that great things were happening; the front pages also paid tribute to Edmund Hillary and his ascent of Everest. With the newspapers was a Souvenir programme, published by Wycombe Borough Council showing what the Borough had planned for the weekend. We were lucky to have a television and I know that my cousins and some of our neighbours gathered in our small living room to watch the event. There were probably also some refreshments because my mother always enjoyed a party. However, I cannot remember any of that.

SO, what do I remember? Research in psychology has shown that our emotional state at the time of an event can affect our ability to memorise it. If so, then my memories of the coronation are very much linked to my position in the family and the jealousy and disappointments that were perceived through this. Here are my memories of that weekend:

- My sisters, being schoolchildren, were given commemorative mugs by Wycombe Borough Council. As a pre-schooler, I was not eligible for one but did get a tin of chocolates; I cut my finger as I attempted to open the tin so saw it as a poor substitute for a mug.
- My sisters were old enough to have pocket money and they went into town to spend it. Maureen returned with a beautiful model of the Coronation Coach. I can remember how beautiful it was and how much I wanted one too.
- During the afternoon, there was a Carnival Procession through the streets of High Wycombe. My sisters were taking part, so I stood under the Town Hall Arch with my mother and my grandmother to watch the procession. It was wet, crowded and noisy.
- However, the biggest disappointment came the next day. There was a street party with fancy dress. My sisters went as queens and my sister's friend was also dressed as a queen. I was dressed as a page. My outfit was just an

uncomfortable bit of painted cardboard that made me look as wide as I was tall. There was just no way that it could compete with the long flowing gowns that my sisters wore. There was also no way that I could appreciate the artistry and amazing handiwork of my father.

I hope to spend Coronation 2023 with family and friends. I have no idea what our Town Council are planning for the weekend, but it will be a great chance to compare it with Coronation 1953. I am so pleased that I won't have to wear a fancy dress costume and I will try not to cut my finger!



Angela aged nearly 4 as a page and with sisters Cynthia and Maureen

Local Research Assistants

We know that it can be difficult to get to record offices if you work during the day or don't live close to the office you need to visit; therefore, some of our members have offered to make visits to record offices to assist those who cannot go themselves. Please see the current East FHS website, www.eastfhs.org, for details of Local Research Assistants or contact Peter or Pam (committee members) for their help with your research.

Memories of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II, June 2 1953

By Pam Pearce [nee East]

In response to the request for any East family recollections of the coronation of the Queen, I forward these thoughts about my own memories.

I was 11 years old in February 1952 and at Glebe Primary School, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex. I was in the top Junior class [now known as year 6], and on the 5th and 6th of February that year I had to take the 11+ exam. On the morning of the 6th February 1952, I took the final paper, and afterwards, at about 12 noon, I walked back home for lunch, a journey towards Kingsbury of about 20 minutes. As I walked through the streets everywhere was unusually quiet. As I passed them, some women were standing at their gates talking in hushed tones - something about the King. When I got home, I asked my mother what was happening and she didn't know, as she had been doing housework all morning. We switched the radio on and all that we heard was solemn classical music. We then waited until the 1 o'clock news and learned that that morning King George 6th had died in his sleep at Sandringham. It was a day I have never forgotten and was quite a shock.

The build up to the Coronation of the new Queen the following year was ongoing, after the King's funeral and the period of mourning had passed. The ceremony was fixed for June 2nd 1953 and London and the country became decked out in flags, bunting and decorations of every kind in red white and blue. In our road all the families got together and agreed to have a Coronation street party. One of the families, whose father was a professional chef, agreed to coordinate the food and each family was designated to provide quantities of various cakes, sandwiches and drink, etc. How long tables were acquired I'm not sure, but they were spread for many hundreds of yards along the middle of the street. They also planned a fancy dress competition for the children and games and quizzes for all. There were many countrywide official souvenirs and I still have newspapers and coins for which I saved up my pocket money and bought, or was given, during the year before the coronation. It seemed strange talking about a Queen after a succession of Kings since Queen Victoria.

In April 1952 I learned that I had passed the 11+ and would be going to Kingsbury County Grammar school.

When it was announced that the day of the Coronation was to be televised, including the service, my father, Harold East, decided to buy a television and a few months before June 2nd he did so. I and my two brothers were very excited.

It was black and white of course, but it was wonderful to see things happening in London from our front room.

On June 2nd 1953 we watched from early morning. We found out that we were one of only two households in the road that had a TV, so Mum and Dad opened our house to any of our neighbours who wanted to watch. Mum was busy all day, in between watching the screen herself, making cups of tea and sandwiches for all those who popped in for an hour or so to watch. We must have had about 20 people coming and going all day. I was riveted to the TV all day. The Queen looked so beautiful, and it was so solemn and historic.

The next day we had the street party. The road was closed off, tables erected all down the road and a good time was had by all. To my amazement I won the fancy dress competition and was given a coronation mug as a prize, which I still have. I was dressed as Queen Elizabeth 1st, my brother Peter was a cowboy, my youngest brother Leslie was dressed in his cricket whites, as Len Hutton the England Cricket captain at the time. He was 4 years old!!

They were certainly two days I have never forgotten. Both my brothers followed me to Kingsbury County Grammar School and we all had successful careers, but that's another story.

Repton Road, Kenton. Mdx.
Coronation Street Party
Fancy Dress Competition
June 2nd 1953.

Easts.

- Peter - 3rd from left Back row
(a sailor)
- Leslie - last on front row
right.
(Len Hutton England
cricket captain)
- Pam - 3rd from the right
back row.
- Queen Elizabeth I.
I won the 1st prize, of a
Coronation mug.



Jeanne Ash - { 1st?
2nd on left front row.
Helen Ash - 4th on left front row
Ian Ash - 4th on right back row.
Carole Ash - last on right back row.
Betty Stuart - 2nd on right back row

Who Dropped That?

By Peter East

During the summer of 1953 I was attending the infant department of my primary school in Tilehurst, Reading. I have memories of standing in the school hall with the other children practicing The National Anthem. I was particularly taken with the line ‘Send her victorious’, which to my 6-year-old ears became ‘Send her Victorias’. I imagined them to be a variety of flowers both happy and glorious, which I thought was a rather nice gesture. I was sure our new young Queen Elizabeth would appreciate them.

Come the big day, there was no school on June 2nd 1953! Our family was fortunate that our next-door-neighbour was one of very few households in our area which had a television set and we were invited to join them to watch the ceremony and pageantry. To me it was an amazing spectacle, everything was black and white in those days, including the majority of cinema films, so to see it live was something special. One memorable moment which, as a young boy, stuck in my mind, was when my sister, 10 years my senior, spotted something in the road during the procession following the crowning ceremony and observed ‘Oh look someone has dropped their hat’. It transpired that far from a hat being dropped the culprit was more likely to have been a cavalryman’s mount. Funny how these memories stay with us.

There was so much commemorative merchandise around and was there a child who didn’t own a Woolworth’s plastic Coronation Coach and team of horses? I remember so well the red Oxo commemorative tin which served as the repository for my Meccano nuts and bolts for several years. My brother was five years my senior and I shared his interest in stamp collecting. Let us not forget the countless commemorative postage stamps issued for the Commonwealth countries. Much of the world map was still coloured pink at this time so a whole new era had opened up for series’ of stamps from around the world. Alas, my interest in philately has waned and I will not be sharing the upcoming excitement among those current collectors who anticipate the new King’s issues.

Memories of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II *by Valerie Molyneux*

In June 1953 my sister Vivienne aged 7, and I aged 9, were living in the village of Duxford, 9 miles south of Cambridge. Mum ran a small haberdashery and drapery shop in the main street. There was a fancy dress competition held on the recreation ground on the morning of 2nd June, a cold damp and drizzly day. Mum made us costumes from crepe paper from the shop and dad took us to the recreation ground. Unfortunately we were both disappointed, I can't remember what we were dressed as.

Later Viv and I watched the actual service at a neighbour's house. We didn't have a television ourselves and didn't get one until 1961 after Viv and I had completed our examinations at school.

We finished the day attending what I believe was a village party for the school children at Aero Research (Ciba) in their large factory dining hall. We had sandwiches, cakes and probably jelly and fruit. It was all quite overwhelming for Viv and I who had only been in the village a short while and didn't recognise many other children.

I remember receiving a boxed teaspoon, with a crest on, as a memento.

The Founders' Award

A prize of £50 will be awarded annually to the member of the EastFHS who submits the most interesting article for publishing in the Points East journal

The articles will be judged by members of the committee and the result announced at the autumn AGM

Please send all articles by 1 August to the Journal editor
Amanda Gostelow: amanda@gostelow24.co.uk

In memory of John and Andrée East

Memories of Queen Elizabeth's Coronation on Tuesday 2nd June 1953

by Rosalyn Hipkin

It was a dull, wet, day and, as we were all at home, we were invited to spend the day with family members who lived further up in the village.

They had a television and we didn't!

So there were four adults and six children all aged 8 –14yrs, watching a tiny 9" screen with a magnifying glass in front of it showing black and white pictures – no colour.

I can't remember much of the ceremony - I think we children became bored quite early on and played together instead, leaving the adults to enjoy the spectacle.

David, my husband, was taken by his mother and grandmother on the train from Hayes to London to join the crowds lining the streets. He can only remember it raining, lots of people and carriages going past carrying unknown royalty.

On returning to school in Hayes, David was given this cup, saucer and tea plate, which is still in very good condition.



My school, in Windsor, gave each of us a book about the Queen, which sadly I no longer have in my possession.

‘The Local Line’ – a poem written by Mary East
Sent in by Rosalyn Hipkin
(extracted from “Word gets Around”, a West Somerset Magazine)

This poem was written by Mary East, a Minehead resident, and published soon after the West Somerset railway was opened in 1874.

My sister-in-law sent me a recent edition of “Word gets Around”, a West Somerset Magazine, which had an article about the railway & this poem was included:

There are ten railway stations upon our little line, first you come to Norton and then there are nine.

Nine railway stations and, if you are not late, you come to Bishops Lydeard and then there are eight.

Eight railway stations, with all their dawdling tricks, you pass through Crowcombe and Stogumber, and then there are six.

Six railway stations, and if you but survive, you come at last to Williton and then there are five.

Five railway stations. Oh would there were no more. But you crawl along to Watchet and then there are four.

And now you’re going downhill and bustle on quite fast, and Washford and Blue Anchor are very quickly passed.

And then you come to Dunster and gaze upon the sea, and when you come to Minehead how joyful you will be.

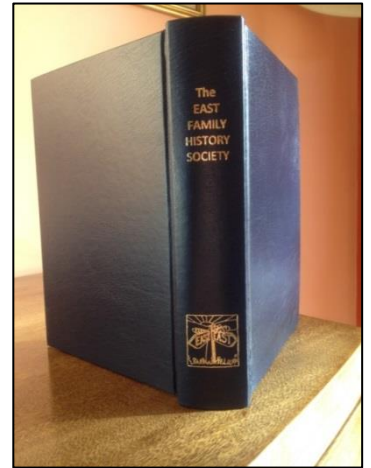
As you gather up your luggage and hasten home to tea, and rest in peaceful Minehead, beside the whispering sea.

Does this lady belong in a member’s family tree?

Ros Hipkin

Binders for Points East journals

These blue Cordex binders are capable of holding 12 copies of Points East, with the spine blocked in gold with the Society's name and logo. Each comes in its own 'large letter' postal box. Please let a member of the Committee know if you might be interested in buying one or more binders. The cost for one binder (including postage) is £7. The cost for two binders (including postage together) is £13. Cheques to be sent to Peter for the time being (at his address on the inside front cover) but made payable to the 'East Family History Society'.



Thomas and Michael East, musicians in Shakespearian London *by Angela Waterfall, Research Manager*

Pam and Ken Pearce have just finished transcribing the wills of the above two gentlemen.

Thomas (1540 – 1609) was the foremost printer of music during that period. He became a freeman of the Stationer's Company in 1565. He started to print music in 1587 after he acquired the music type from the printer Thomas Vautrollier. He had a close association with the composer William Byrd and printed religious compositions for him. After Thomas' death, his business was taken over by Thomas Snodham, a nephew.

Another nephew, Michael East (1580 – 1648) became an organist and composer of madrigals. There was an article about him in the very first issue of Points East. At that time, he was supposed to be Thomas' son. His first work "Hence Stars Too Dim of Light" was published in 1603 in honour of Queen Elizabeth I. In 1606, he went to Cambridge University to study music and later became master of choristers at Lichfield Cathedral.

Ref:

*Jeremy Smith: Thomas East and Music Publishing in Renaissance England
Dictionary of National Biography 1885-1900, Vol 16*

Will of Thomas East - 8th April 1608

In the name of God Amen. The sixth daye of February Anno Die 1608 this 6th year of the reign of our Sovereigne Lord James King of England of France and Ireland defender of the faith and the first of England the /...../.....

I Thomas Easte printer of London being weake in bodye but in good and perfect remembrance Thanks be to God do bequeath, ordaine and declare this my pure Testament/...../ last Will in manner and forme following...../ that is to saie First and Principally I bequeath and commend my soule to Almighty God in body to be buried in Christian Buriall if it should please Almighty God to take me in due time.

Item. I am the legatee to/...../ Easte , printer, citizen and stationer of London the sum of Twenty Pounds of lawfull money of England to be paid in by my Executrix hereafter named..... to be paid six months after my decease.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my said friend Thomas Anderson also/ my great friend/...../ for with an/...../...../...../ have my best Cloake and my best hat.

Item. I will and bequeath that my friends Alfred? Son of Thomas Snodesham also printer shall have and/...../ shall dwell over my working house parcel for my dwelling house situate in Sherfield ? Street, London together with fair and reasonable ingresse in and of the house same for and my passages leading thereunto immediately from and after my decease for and during the same in the said/..... Tenement as hereunder so expressed the said Thomas shall for longe time.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my said sonne Thomasaforesaid a pair of blankets, two Ruggs, a pillow, two pillowcases and two pairs of flaxen sheets with curtains and valence of greene. This for goode and I give and bequeath and my mynde is that my loving wife Venetia East shall have hold, possess and her owne proper use and behoofe ALL THAT my dwelling and possessed before bequeathed to Thomas/..... East inte..... with the appurtenances situate being and lying in Moorgate Street in the parish of St the Great, London which I have held of Mr Thomas Hunte and Nicholas Hunte his sonne the former by Indenture of Lease bearing date the sixth and twentieth day of October in the yeare of the Raigne of our late

Sovereigne Lady Queene Elizabeth for the terme of thirty and six years
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 Thomas is to..... approved by the same Pen all Indentures granted ye
 for Paye PROVIDED always and my will and pleasure is That my Venetia
 my wife [missing] obliged and beinge in my friend Thomas
 Chamberlain of Deptford farmer in the summe of Four Hundred Pounds of
 lawful// yeoman to be endorsed. That the said Painter ? of
 my wife so assigned shall pay my rents and/ [missing] the said
 severall Indentures of Lease /..... /...../ and expressed – and to
 the purpose/...../..... [missing]/..... messuages my or
/...../..... to forfeit make or remember the four houses or any of
 them without family in [missing] to the severall retained in my said
 Leases promised.

Item. I will and bequeath unto the said Thomas Anderson all...[missing]...
 appurtenances situate lying and beinge in Morfield Street in the Parish of St.
 Bartholomew without.....gate London, situate lying and being in the
 Parish of St. Giles without Cripplegate in the suburbs of London together with
 all the [missing] my wife for and during all the residue of yeares?
/// unexpired of the severall/// said
 [missing]...../.....// my wife [or/her] shall solely live
 PROVIDED likewise. And my will is [missing] obliged and bounde to the
 said Venetia my wife in the sume of two hundred pounds of lawful money of
 England by [missing] to be endowed [endorsed?] that the said Thomas

or his assignes from and after the decease of my said wife shall
...../...../...../...../ [missing]..... to be payed and kept in the
said severall Indentures of Lease referred mentioned and
[missing]..... Indenture the same Leased or any of them without? or
..... And after that my said sonne Thomas Easte [missing]..... my said
wife shall well and truly pay or cause to be payed unto Sybill Hudd my half-
sister wife of Anthony Hudd to[missing] will like the same forty
shillings of lawful money of England All my/...../..... in the by
even portions to be determined? my first payment to begyn and be made/
..... first day of the////
after.....[missing]/// hereinafter shall take sell or give
away the said legacy of Forty Shillings to buy perfume? or perfumes from
[missing]// decease. Then my will is that the said legacy of
Forty Shillings from and after of assignment or/
[missing].....// AND further my will is That the said Venetia my
wife in her Last Will and Testament or otherwise may direct?[missing]...../
.....dering and the said Garden with the appurtenances and the said
...../..... and implements before mentioned to my[missing] part
or parcels to whome she shall give disperse? or doe away the said messuage or
Tenement or garden or either of them.... [missing] the part or parcel
thereof she shall have and enjoy the same from and after the death and
decease of the saide Thomas my daughter Jone[missing]...../...../.....
body lawfully to be begotten for and during the residue of years then to come
and unexpired of the severall [missing].....// of/ in manner
and forme as the same by the Last Will and Testament of my said wife shall for
d..... [missing]...../ shall leave of the body lawfully begotten
then the same become the said Leases/...../ [missing].....
the same And then/..... as shall be made to Venetia my wife shall
Item. I give and bequeath [missing] my last/..... with
my last Firkin, my Tatten doublet my...../..... my..... [missing]
...../.....
Item. I give and bequeath untoPernall one black gown and forty shillings
of lawful money [missing]/...../.....
Item. I give and bequeath unto my co [cousin]? son of Darthinge ?
Moynall nere [near] the the sume of twenty shillings of..... [missing]
...../..... after my decease. All the rest and residue of my goods chattels

and debts above not bequeathed after that my debts/
 [missing] Will and Testament or last will in all things and my
 funeral charges paid for// [missing]///
 I make my wife Venetia sole Executrix of this my/.....last Will and
 Testament and [missing]/..... Testament bequests and execute
 and executed by the before// by writing or
/.....[missing] for my Testament legacies bequests and
 executrix And none after. In witness whereof I the said Thomas
 [missing] daye and yeare first above written.

On the back of the Will is written then following;

Sealed pronounced and as the last Will and Testament of East in
 the/ in the presence of

Walteroobe	Wm Carlby or Carlsey?
Thomas Clybe?	John Feyn F.....t
Henry Manley Seaman	George Hill Lic. Psm?

Probatus fuit [rest in illegible Latin] to Venetia Easte Executrix of Thomas East.

48L 8s 3d

April 1608

Will of Michael East of Lichfield – 1647

In the name of God Amen, the seventh daie of Januarie in the year of our Lord and accordinge to the Computation of the Church of England one thousand six hundred fortie seaven and in the twentyeth third yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England, Scotland, France and Ireland, Kinge, defender of the Faith so I Michaell East the elder of the Close of the Cathedral Church of Lichfield gent sicke and weake in bodie, but of sound and perfect memorie and understanding doe make and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner and forme following. First and principally I commend my soule into the hande of my Saviour Jesus Christ that with his precious blood so deere he bought itt. And my bodie to the earth from whome itt was taken in conform' [conformation] that they both shall rise againe att the last daie and be made partakers of his heavenly kingdom And when the Lord shall please to call me out of this Vale of miserie, my desire is that my bodie maie be decentlie buried att the West door within the churchyard of the Cathedral Church of Lichfield And for that mortale estate which God of his goodness hath lent me, I dispose thereof in manner and forme followinge. Viz. Imprimus I give devise and bequeath unto Dorothe East my nowe wife One Annuitie or yearlie sume of foure poundes of currant Englishe money to be issueinge out of my whole estate and to be paid unto her by my executor hereafternamed All the two usual Feasts viz The Annunciation of our Blessed Ladie St. Mary the Virgin and Saint Michaell the Archangell by even portions for and dureing the terme of her naturall life, which said Annuitie or yearlie sume of money shalle in full satisfaction of all cognitive demand, and other demanded which she can make or clayme out of my estate And upon Condition that upon reasonable request made shee shall make a sufficient release of her Dower to my heir and devisers. Item I give and bequeath unto my grandchilde

William Hamersley the younger and to the heire of the bodie lawfullie begotten the moytie or one halfe of one messuage or Tenement and garden with the appurtenances situate beinge and lying in Sandford Streete within the Cittie of Lichfield nowe in the tenure and occupation of William Lewis? or his assignes To have and to hould the said moytie or one halfe of the said messuage tenement and garden with the appurtenances unto the said William Hamersley the younger and to the heires of his bodie lawfully begotten and for want of such issue then to the right heires of mee the said Michaell East for ever. Item. I give devise and bequeath the other moytie or halfe parte of the messuage or tenement and garden with the appurtenances now in the tenure or occupation of widdowe Reade or her assignes unto my grandchild John Hamersley and to the heires of his bodie lawfully begotten And for want of such issue then to the right heires of mee the said Michaell East for ever. Item. I give devise and bequeath unto my grandchild Anne Hamersley one little close or pasture of ground with the Appurtenances commonlie called or known by the name of Ricklins Close situate lieinge and beinge within the Countie of the Cittie of Lichfield and extending itselfe in length from Gayland on the South Gayfield on the North To have and to hould the said close or pasture with the Appurtenances unto the said Anne Hamersley and to the heirs of her body lawfully begotten And for want of such issue then to the right heires of mee the said Michaell East for ever PROVIDED nevertheless, and my full intent and meaninge is That if my Sonne in Law William Hamersley Father of the said William John and Anne Hamersley shall have, and receive the rents or keepe in his possession the respective premises my mee bequeathed unto my grandchildren as aforesaid or any parte thereof That then immediatelie from and after my decease hee the said William shalbe accountable unto my said grandchildren for such benefitt, as yearlie shalbe made thereof att such time as they shall accomplish there severall ages of one and twentie yeares. Item I give and bequeath unto Michaell Hamersley my grandchild the sume of

five poundes to be paid by my executor, within a twelve month next after my decease, and to be put forth by my said Sonne in Law William Hamersley for my grandchilds best benefitt Item I give unto Raph Hamersley my grandchild fiftie shillings of currant English money to be paid by my executor within a Twelvemonth next after my decease. Item I give to my said Sonne in Law William Hamersley ten shillings to buy him a ring. Item I give to John Willington and Mr William Unit? the elder ten shillings a piece to buy them rings Item Whereas Thomas Rowlandson of the Cittie and countie of Lichfield Sadler oweth mee the sume of tenn poundes of Lawfull Englishe money, and for some reasone best known to myself I caused him the said Thomas to give bond to my said sonne in law William Hamersley for true payment of the same. Now I doe hereby acknowledge and declare that the said Tenn poundes [though the bond be taken in his name] is money really and properlie lent by me And that my said sonne in lawe William Hamersley hath no right title or interest thereunto but onlie as a Trustee, for mee, myne heirs, executors and administrators And therefore whensoever the said tenn poundes shal be paid in I give and bequeath the same to such person as shal be hereafter named to be myne executor, To the end my debts legacies maie bee the better discharged Item I give and bequeath unto Michaell East my grandchild the sume of two hundred poundes of currant Englishe money to bee paid for same and possibly the same can be raised out of my debts and personal estate not hereby devised and to be put forth by my executor for the best use and benefitt of my said grandchild untill hee come to the age of one and twentie years But if itt shall happen that my said Grandchild Michaell East shall departe this life before hee come to the age of one and twentie yeares, Then the said legacy of two hundred pounds by mee so sworn as aforesaid shall returne to my said Executor, or such other child as shall be by him lawfully begotten. Item I give to my one daughter Marie Hamersley tenn shillings to buy her a Ringe Item I give to my two daughters in law

Elizabeth East, Marie East tenn shillings a piece to buy them rings.
And of this my last will and testament I ordeyne assigne and
appointe my lovinge sonne Michael East my full and sole executor.
IN wittness whereof I have to this my present testament conteyned
in three sheetes of paper putt my hand and seale the daie and yeare
first above written Mic. East Sealed signed and published by the
Testator to be his last will and testament. In the presence of Sam.
Hinton, Henrie Gilbert, Simon Marton, John Smith.

Probatum fuit Testamentum suprascriptum apud London coram
venerabili viro domino Nathaniele Brent milite legum doctore curia
Prerogative magistro seve custode legitime constitute Nones Die
Mensio Maie Prm [primo] Millessimo Sevrientesimo quadragessimo
octave Juramento Michaelie East filie duti de functi et executorio in
huiusmodi testamento nominate cui commissa fuit administratio
omnium et singulare honorum curiam et exeditorum duti de functi
de bene frielitor administran de cadem Ad Sancta de Evangelia
Courver Commissimo in ca parte ahad emanatae Jurat.

The Testament above written was proved at London in the presence
of the venerable gentleman Sir Nathaniel Brent, Knight, Doctor of
Laws, conditional, legitimate, Prerogative Magistrate and Custodian,
on the 7th day of the month of May in the year one thousand sixteen
forty eight, to Michael East dutiful son of the deceased and executor
named in the Testament who swore an oath, and to whom has been
committed the administration of all and singular, given into the care
of and for the benefit of the execution and dutiful carrying out of the
administration for the deceased. This was subject to the oath on
behalf of Evangelia Concoer?, Commissioner, issued and correctly
sworn.

Larry D. Duke, ‘Estes Trails’

I have again received the latest issues of the newsletter of the Estes family called ‘Estes Trails’, via email, for Dec ’22 and March ‘23. It is usual for us to exchange electronic (pdf) copies of our respective journals with the Estes Family Society in America. It is published about 4 times a year.

The production of the December issue was problematic due to Larry’s computer crashing – he warns readers of the impact of not doing back ups! He includes the usual American Estes genealogies, a will and some maps of Kent. He notes that the Kent Family History Society website offers, among other digitized information, transcriptions (prepared by members) of burial registers in pdf format. These are available to purchase and download. Go to <https://genfair.co.uk/supplier/kent-familyhistory-society - 885/>

The March issue includes further Estes family tales, particularly a murder mystery! It also has articles about DNA, smuggling in Deal and an obituary.

Could all EFHS members pass on any Estes (or variants) references that you find to a committee member, so that we may pass them back to Larry for his information.

Next Time in Points East....

I am still hoping that member Alan George East will let us all know whether he made contact with the lady at the Salvation Army in Avon, Ohio, who bought an old bible with a signed message to ‘Thomas Oliver Cromwell East’ (Alan’s uncle) from his father on his 10th birthday.

I have received permission from Larry Duke to reproduce the article entitled ‘Why you have a family name’ from the June ’22 issue of ‘Estes Trails’ and will hold it over for a future journal issue.

Please consider some tasks to do if you get stuck with your own tree, such as visiting a local or further afield personal history site or investigating any DNA matches! I look forward to a report from you, and any associated pictures or trees, for the next journal.

New Members :

308	Peter Boyce	London, England
309	Jane Rimmington (nee East)	Salisbury, England

Check your Family Tree - a plea from you Research Manager

During the cold weather in January, I did some housekeeping and started to attach our digital data to the “Big” Tree so that it would be easier to find information about individuals.

To my surprise, we have many Marriage Certificates that do not relate to individuals on the Tree. When less information was in digital form, it was difficult for people to ascertain whether information related to their particular tree without buying certificates and that may explain why we have so many certificates. Our challenge is to find out more about the people on our certificates. To start that process, here is a table of the certificates. Does anyone recognise any of the surnames? If so, can they please contact me.

<i>Spouse</i>	<i>Married to</i>	<i>Father</i>	<i>WHEN</i>
<i>Harriet GILES</i>	Alfred East	William East	1837
<i>Edward ARUNDEL</i>	Amelia East	John East	1837
<i>Walter EVEREDGE</i>	Ann Harriet East	Samuel East	1837
<i>Robert West HYDE</i>	Elizabeth East (Holland)		1837
<i>HENRY HITCHCOCK</i>	Jane East	John East	1837
<i>George MENTOR</i>	Mary Ann East	Richard East	1837
<i>Robert COOPER</i>	Phoebe East	Thomas East	1837
<i>Mary GLENN</i>	Samuel East	Jesse East	1837
<i>Edward STEVENTON</i>	Sarah East	Richard East	1837
<i>Mary WEST</i>	Zachariah East	John East	1837
<i>John COLLIN</i>	Ann East	`	1838
<i>Michael VENNING</i>	Eliza East		1838
<i>Elizabeth BULL</i>	George East	George East	1838
<i>Ann KNATCHBULL</i>	George Thomas East	William East	1838
<i>Ann CANDAY</i>	James East	William East	1838
<i>William BARNES</i>	Jane East	Robert East	1838
<i>Mary Ann Petit</i>	Joseph East	Joseph East	1838
<i>Charles HUNT</i>	Louisa East	William East	1838
<i>Joshua ROSE</i>	Mary Ann East (Lovegrove)		1838
<i>Samuel RAYMENT</i>	Mary Kezia East	John East	1838
<i>David NATHAN</i>	May Louisa East	Samuel East	1838
<i>Charlotte TOOZEY</i>	Samuel East	Samuel East	1838
<i>Daniel DELLER</i>	Sarah East	John East	1838
<i>Mary Ann STEWART</i>	Thomas East	Thomas East	1838
<i>Charles PERRIN</i>	Ann Susannah East	Giles East	1839
<i>James BRYANT</i>	Caroline Martha East	Thomas East	1839
<i>Mary BELLAMY</i>	John East	John East	1839
<i>John HARRIS</i>	Maria East	William East	1839
<i>John CONNOR</i>	Mary East	Thomas East	1839

<i>William White</i>	Mary Ann East (widow)		1839
<i>George COLSLEY</i>	Mary Ann East	William East	1839
<i>Abraham DANGERFIELD</i>	Mary East	William Frederick East	1839
<i>William SEWELL</i>	Mary East	Thomas East	1839
<i>Joseph LEPSON</i>	Rebecca East	Thomas East	1839
<i>Sarah BAKER</i>	Robert East	George East	1839
<i>William SMITH</i>	Sarah Anne Powell East (Brown)		1839
<i>James LINTON</i>	Sarah East	Thomas East	1839
<i>John FRENCH</i>	Ann East	George East	1840
<i>Effingham LUCAS</i>	Elizabeth East	John East	1840
<i>Jane STONE</i>	George East	William East	1840
<i>Sarah GOLD</i>	George East	George East	1840
<i>Jane WEBLING</i>	George East	John East	1840
<i>Charles IVES</i>	Harriet East (Watts)		1840
<i>Eliza OUTHWAITE</i>	James East	James East	1840
<i>Isaac GARDINER</i>	Martha East	Thomas East	1840
<i>Richard POOL</i>	Mary East	Daniel East	1840
<i>Mary Ann DENDY</i>	Richard East	John East	1840
<i>Amelia Ann SILCOCK</i>	Robert East	Joseph East	1840
<i>William DAY</i>	Sarah East	Thomas East	1840
<i>Thomas FRY</i>	Amelia East	William East	1841
<i>James GRAHAM</i>	Ann East (Drake)		1841
<i>John McGRATH</i>	Ann East	Abraham East	1841
<i>John FROST</i>	Catherine East	Arron East	1841
<i>John SHEPHERD</i>	Eliza East	Michael East	1841
<i>William BENNETT</i>	Elizabeth Ghion House East	John East	1841
<i>William POWELL</i>	Esther East	James East	1841
<i>Sarah WORLEDGE</i>	Henry East	Thomas East	1841
<i>John TRAFFORD</i>	Mary East	Thomas East	1841
<i>Sarah BUZLEY</i>	Philip East	John East	1841
<i>William MORTER</i>	Sarah East	Robert East	1841
<i>John HANSEN</i>	Sarah East	George East	1841
<i>Thomas CROFT</i>	Sarah East	William East	1841
<i>Henry GILL</i>	Susannah East	James East	1841
<i>Frederick HOLIDAY</i>	Ann East	Robert East	1842
<i>Sarah GROVENER</i>	Francis East	Francis East	1842
<i>Henry HARDEMAN</i>	Harriet East	James East	1842
<i>Elizabeth FANCOURT</i>	James Henry East	James East	1842
<i>Mary Ann CHIDGEY</i>	Jeffrey East	Jeffery East	1842
<i>Elizabeth BIGGS</i>	John East	Thomas East	1842
<i>Sarah HANCOCKS</i>	John East	James East	1842
<i>Alfred GRIFFIN</i>	Kerenhappuch East	Thomas East	1842
<i>Henry DOERY</i>	Mary Ann East	John East	1842
<i>Robert ACUTT</i>	Mary Louisa East	Philip East	1842

<i>Etty HUGHES</i>	William East	William East	1842
<i>Louisa HAYCOCK</i>	William East	John East	1842
<i>Hannah BURKIN</i>	William East	William East	1842
<i>Sophia CHASHIAN</i>	William East	Joseph East	1842
<i>Charlotte HART</i>	Charles East	William East	1842
<i>William EVANS</i>	Elizabeth East	Thomas East	1843
<i>Sarah POLYHETT</i>	Joseph East	Daniel East	1844
<i>John HARDESTY</i>	Margaret East	Henry East	1844
<i>Elizabeth WILKINSON</i>	Samuel Newton East	Thomas Newton East	1844
<i>Joseph NELSON</i>	Mary Ann East	John East	1845
<i>James EDDY</i>	Amelia East	James East	1846
<i>Charles BATEMAN</i>	Caroline East	Robert East	1846
<i>William CHARLES</i>	Eliza East	John East	1846
<i>Thomas HALL</i>	Elizabeth East	John East	1846
<i>William CLEAVER</i>	Elizabeth East	John East	1846
<i>Harriet ASTON</i>	George East	George East	1846
<i>Anne GILBERT</i>	James East	William East	1846
<i>William EMERY</i>	Mary Anne East	Richard East	1846
<i>James TAYLOR</i>	Mary Ann East	John East	1846
<i>Hetty ROLFE (POTTER)</i>	Philip East	Daniel East	1846
<i>William RICE</i>	Elizabeth East	James East	1847
<i>Thomas HEREDGE</i>	Elizabeth East	Samuel East	1847
<i>James HATHERILL</i>	Louisa East	John East	1847
<i>Thomas GOODMAN</i>	Sarah East	Henry East	1847
<i>Mary ELGAR (LAKER)</i>	William East	John East	1847
<i>Sarah CATT</i>	William East	Thomas East	1847
<i>Ann BROWN</i>	William East	William East	1847
<i>William SHEET</i>	Charlotte East	Richard East	1847

~ Please keep sending in your copies of Birth, Marriage and Death
Certificates ~

Points East

The committee decided that to achieve production and distribution of the journal to members on the dates proposed:

All future contributions need to be received by the 1st February for the spring edition and 1st August for the autumn edition

The preparation of the final draft by the 15th of the month for printing

Distribution of copies to members 1st March and 1st September

Please keep sending in your articles for publication, but do bear in mind copyright law. We cannot publish any picture or writing that is copyright without permission. Send us family pictures, research successes, tree excerpts, bits of found information or family stories that will give variety to Points East. Large or small items - all are welcome. If you have any suggestions to improve it please do let us know. Material will be held over for a future issue if it cannot be included in the current one.

Annual Subscription Renewal

An annual subscription (including a Family Membership) is £10. A three-year subscription at £25 is available. Sterling or its currency equivalent may be enclosed with an application form which you can currently download from the East FHS website '**www.eastfhs.org**'. Please note that a new website is in development and details will be circulated in the coming months.

Cheques should be drawn on a UK bank and be made payable to the **East Family History Society**.

It would greatly assist the Society if members could set up a Standing Order with their bank for the subscription. Our account is :

Bank: The NatWest **Account Name:** The East Family History Society

Sort Code: 60-02-23 **Account number:** 65499727

Alternatively, you could pay online to the above bank account and advise the secretary by email, but please put a reference with your payment so that we can recognise who has renewed.

Applications and subscriptions to the Secretary (see inside the front cover).

All subscriptions are due on 1st May.

Although subscriptions can cover a member and nominated partner, only one copy of the newsletter will be provided per full member.

The aims of the Society shall be:

- To collect all references to the EAST/ESTE(S) name and all variations, to collate and store these records and to make them available to all members.
- To produce a Newsletter at least twice per year to be distributed to all members, the cost of which to be covered by subscriptions.
- To advertise the Society's existence, thus bringing as many researchers of the names EAST/ESTE(S) etc. as possible into contact with each other.

Source Data

The Society's Research Manager holds the following data. Most of it is on computer and all of it is available, on request, to members for their personal use.

- A compilation of Family Trees (known as "the Big Tree") is held as a private, but searchable tree on Ancestry. This has nearly 14,000 names.
- GRO index of all EAST births from 1837 to 2005; marriages from 1837 to 2005 and deaths from 1837 to 2006. The index is held within the members' section of the EFHS website, and the access password is sent to new members when they join.
- Over 18,100 baptism, marriage, and burial Parish records. These are taken from actual records, transcripts or indexes and have been collected over time by EFHS members. Many are not on the IGI.
- Over 2,400 probate records extracted from the National Calendar from 1858 to 1967, together with some earlier probate records. These give exact dates, names and places of death, and sometimes additional information such as names of executors.
- Digital copies of over 100 EAST wills.
- A collection of over 2,800 birth, marriage, and death certificates.
- On computer, using 'Family Historian', a large collection of EAST family trees with over 12,000 individuals and more than 135 trees.
- A genealogical index of all mentions of the EAST surname from the Points East Issues 1-50.
- Civil registration indexes for EASTs in New Zealand (1840 to 1990) and Western Australia (1841 to 1905)
- An extensive collection of articles, newspaper cuttings, documents, and photos.
- Various biographies and autobiographies donated by members
- The UK National Burial Index (3rd Edition)

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