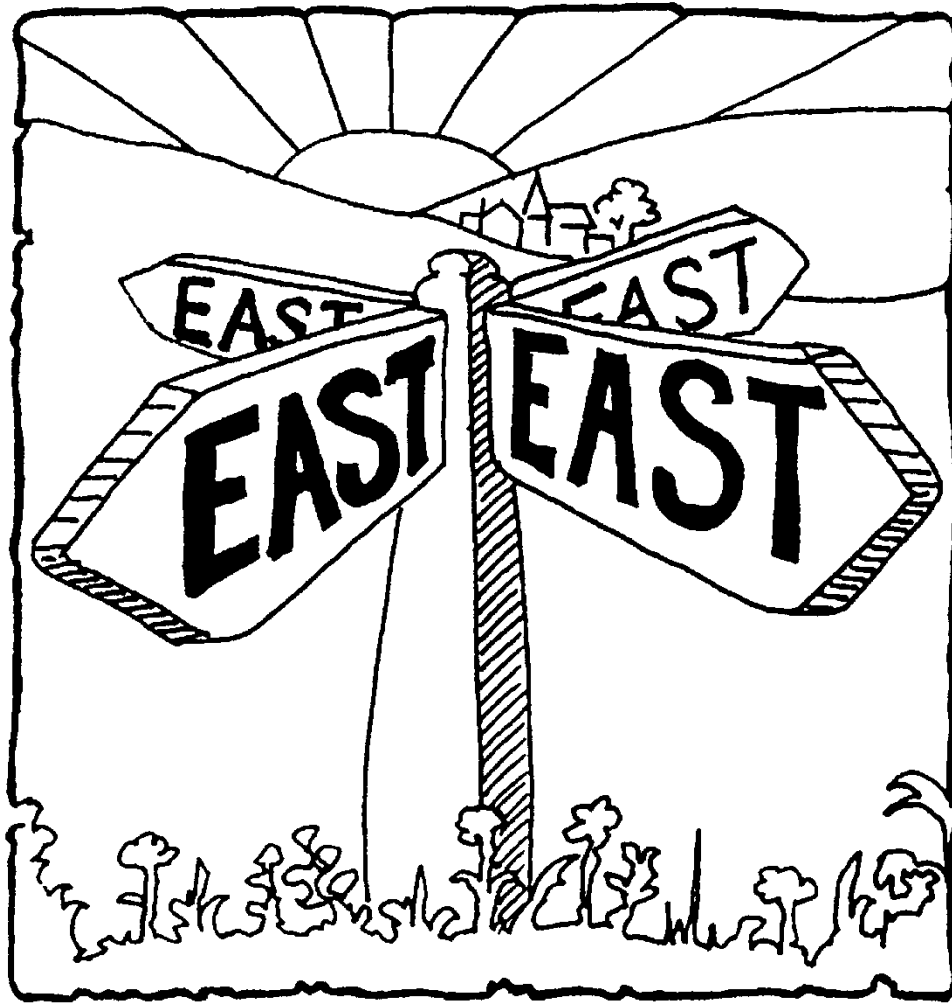


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Chairman's Message

Welcome to this edition of Points East! Since the last journal a lot has happened to create a firmer base on which we can operate. We held our 2023 AGM in October at the lovely Bishopshalt School. It was well-attended, and I am pleased to report that we gained three new committee members, John East, who is our new treasurer, Jane Rimmington and Gillian McCorry; they are already contributing much to our work. We were sad to say goodbye to Peter East from the committee, after all his years of sterling service, but pleased that Dorothy Morgan has taken on the secretarial role. Although AGMs have a reputation for being boring, ours was not at all! Angela Waterfall produced lots of interesting family trees for our perusal, we had a wonderful talk from Pam & Ken Pearce and of course there was the delicious lunch. At the same time, we were able to present the new website, so painstakingly produced by Amanda and her son Adam. The old one has been removed and I do

recommend that you take a look at **eastfhs.com**. We now have a new form for prospective members to complete and that means that we can now focus on acquiring new members.

The committee recommended that we join the Federation of Family History Societies; the subscription will cover insurance for our events and they have many talks of their own. Please have a look at the website

familyhistoryfederation.com and I hope there will be many advantages to come.

We have looked at our membership geographically to ensure that it continues to be fair to most that these meetings are regularly held in the same location. As it happens, the majority of our members do live in surrounding counties. Let us see if we can increase the membership on at least a more nationwide basis!

Angela East ♦

Editorial

I think it's Spring in the UK?

The flowers are out, the ducks are nesting but the grey skies are hiding the sunshine! It must be time though for the Spring edition of Points East.

Thank you so much to all those who provided interesting articles for this edition – the number and quality of the articles was truly inspiring! I just wish I had space to include all of them, but the great thing is that I can hold some over for the Autumn issue – so if yours isn't included this time, don't despair!

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

Happy Easter!

Best Regards. Amanda ♦

Obituary for Millicent Selina East (Millie), Member 165
3rd July 1930 – 7th Nov 2023

I'm sorry to announce the death of my mother who sadly passed away on the 7th of November 2023 aged 93 years. She suffered a severe stroke at the end of August 2023 and, despite spending some time in Epsom Hospital, did not improve, so eventually she was moved to a care home in Princes Risborough, where after a couple of months she ended her days peacefully.

Her funeral was last December and luckily the sun shone. After a service at St Dunstan's Church, Monks Risborough, she was buried at Stratton Road Cemetery, Monks Risborough, to re-join her husband, Raymond.

This area was very special to her as it is under the lee of Whiteleaf Cross, where she grew up and eventually met her husband to be.

She was born on 3rd July 1930 to parents Harold and Elsie, her father being an agricultural worker and her mother a nurse. She went to a local primary school, then later on attended St Bernard's Convent school in High Wycombe.

She met Raymond towards the end of the war. They later married and moved to Ashted to be nearer Kingston upon Thames where he worked at Surrey County Council. Children arrived (myself and my sister Jenny) and she became a full time Mum until we were older.

She was always a member of local groups and Societies including the WI, Homeopathics, Yoga, Local History, Hiking, Brighter Ashted and of course the East Family History Society. She was also a keen gardener and craftswoman. She worked locally in a grocery shop and later as a School Crossing Patrol. I think she became interested in family history because her mother was illegitimate - a taboo subject in those days - so she was always searching for the unknown grandfather.

Not too long ago, my wife Margaret having done a lot of research and DNA testing came across a match, and the mystery was solved. However, the man in question was known to Millie as a child and I think she never fully accepted the truth - she was expecting someone far grander.

She had a long and happy life, and her main goal was to make the world a better place.

RIP Mum

From Timothy East



Millicent Selina East

Minutes of the 2023, 30th Anniversary Annual General Meeting of The East Family History Society

Held at Bishopshalt School, Uxbridge
12 noon Saturday 14th October 2023

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Lionel East, Ros McDermott, Jennifer Tombs, Margaret East and Ray Roberts

2. Minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting were accepted.

Proposed: Amanda Gostelow *Seconded:* Ros Hipkin

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chair's Report: Angela East

This is the end of my first year as Chair of the Society. Becoming the Chair was sudden and unexpected. I was not even aware of the Society until Angela Waterfall asked me if I would like to join. When she initially invited me to write an article for the magazine, I thought this was a routine enquiry because as a musician, I am sometimes asked to write articles for magazines of different kinds. Within a very short time I had written the article, joined the Society, joined the Committee and become Chair. I have no real experience at this job and I'm not an expert at genealogy either! I agreed to fill this role because it was something new and I hoped to be of assistance to a good cause.

I have enjoyed meeting and getting to know my colleagues on the Committee. I was sorry that knowing Brian, our last treasurer, was for such a short time before he passed away. I have been grateful to Angela W for helping me with my own tree, to Peter for his sterling work and for agreeing to stay for another year after he wished to stand down, to Pamela for her enormous kindnesses and hard work to put this event together and to Amanda for her tireless work, both with the journal and the website. More recently we have been grateful to Dorothy, who joined the committee in our hour of need and who has been a great contributor. Owing to a number of technical difficulties with our existing website, our most urgent task has been to build a new one, something which cannot be done quickly but we have been immensely lucky that Amanda's son Adam has done this for us. We have chosen to launch the site today, as it is such a cause for celebration. We would like lots of photos and pictures for the website, so if anyone has any photos of their ancestors, it would be greatly appreciated if you could share them with us, for the magazine as well.

Clearly, a very important aspect of our work, and by 'our', I refer to every

member of the Society, is to recruit new members. I didn't want to start on this until the website was ready because when inviting someone to join us, the first thing a new invitee will want to do is to look at the website. Now that the new website is ready, we can go forward with a plan enthusiastically. Finding new members can be quite time-consuming – since the best approach will be a personal one. We will need to look outside our own families, and it is not difficult to invite immediate relations. Not everyone is interested in their ancestry but since it has become easy to investigate online, genealogy has become a popular pastime. We can look everywhere, from telephone directories to social media and just keeping our eyes and ears open for the name.

In addition, many female Easts will have new surnames following marriage. We can all look amongst our female ancestors to see if we can track down Easts who have married into a new name. Overall, we need all our members to become more active, sending information for the journal, looking for new members and taking part on the Committee. At the moment, 95% of this work is undertaken by the few people who are already Committee members. Peter has sent out many letters to members asking for volunteers for the Committee but as yet, no one has come forward apart from Dorothy.

If each of us can locate just one new member, we will double our membership which will allow us to hold either more events or more online talks and there will be a larger pool from which to find Committee members.

We do need more volunteers for the committee, and we cannot survive without a secretary and a treasurer, so please come forward right now if you have not done so already!

5. Secretary's Report: Peter East

Membership numbers for the year have remained on a par with last year despite the loss of some of our members who have sadly passed away. Among those who we lost was our friend and Committee colleague Brian East who had served as our Treasurer for a number of years. We also lost Dr. Edward East, of Girton, Cambridge, a contributor to Points East, and Gloria Onstad a Life Member from Canada. You may have read their obituaries in Points East. Of the 12 members due to renew this year, apart from those already mentioned we only had one member who failed to renew their membership. We have however gained 5 new members this year and I have been pleased to welcome most of them here today. I would like to thank our Committee Member, Dorothy Morgan, who has been very effective in her recruitment drive. Our current membership stands at 64. As in previous years, I have to stress that we have an ageing membership, the majority of whom started their research long before the advent of the internet and the availability of endless resources without needing to leave our homes. In fact

Ancestry did not go online until after the founding of The East Family History Society. The problem with some online information is like a lot of things on the internet, it isn't necessarily correct. Those of us who have had to do it the hard way in the past know how important it is to verify everything we find. That is why Society's such as ours are so important. The data held by our Society is not recorded until it can be verified and we rely on the diligence of past Research Managers and especially our current Research Manager Angela Waterfall in ensuring this is the case. There is a lot of experience within the Committee and we have all, at some time or another, assisted members with advice on problems they have encountered.

This will be my last Secretary's report as I am standing down. I have enjoyed my time as Secretary especially when I have got to know members through our email chats. It would be so good if we could encourage some of our younger members to join the Committee or even take on a post. No experience is necessary just the ability to get on with people and have a working knowledge Word and Excel. You do not need to be experienced in family history research either.

6. Treasurer's Report: Peter East

The untimely death of our previous Treasurer and good friend Brian East, left The Society with a problem. Although we were aware of Brian's illness, his demise occurred much earlier than anticipated and before he was able to hand over the reins, temporarily, to me as no volunteers were forthcoming for his post at the last AGM. This meant that we had no knowledge of any signatories to our Bank Account, apart from Brian, and therefore could not access our funds.

Payments into the account were not a problem as this could be done by bank transfer or paying in cheques using Sort Code and Account Number. It took in the region of three months to get authorisation for myself as Treasurer and Angela East, our Chair, to become signatories. I also now have online access which we did not have before and, through using the NatWest App, it is now possible to pay in cheques by using the camera on a smartphone. This is a great help as previously all cheques required a visit to a bank branch to deposit them. Unfortunately, there are no longer any branches near me and they continue to close at an alarming rate.

You can see from this year's Financial Spreadsheet that The Society's finances do not look too troubled, but this is not the whole picture. Due to Covid, this is the first face to face AGM to be held since 2019, thus expenses incurred have been minimal and at times, non-existent. However since the last AGM it has been necessary to produce a new Website for The Society. Amanda's son Adam has been setting up this new site and has been reimbursed only recently for his outlay so far. The ongoing cost to The Society will total £235.20 annually. I would also

like to bring to the member's attention that not only does The Committee provide their time voluntarily, but they also absorb a lot of The Society's costs. This includes not charging for postal and stationery costs of distributing our Journal, Points East. You can imagine that this has risen considerably with the rising postal costs including posting to overseas members. The Society has also benefitted from using Committee Members' personal Zoom accounts. Our Social Secretary, Pam and her husband Ken, have also taken care of our venues for the AGM as a goodwill gesture. Their goodwill has also been extended by volunteering to provide today's presentation at no cost to The Society.

I think you will all agree that this, whilst being very generous and shows the commitment of our Committee, should not be allowed to continue and The Society must be seen to pay for itself.

This is why, at a recent Committee Meeting, it was proposed to raise the annual subscription charge from £10 to £15 per annum and to withdraw the option of a reduced three year subscription from May 2024 renewals. Existing three year subscriptions already purchased will of course be honoured. Whilst it is a 50% increase, it should be remembered that the subscription has remained the same for a number of years now despite costs rising. I would like to point out that in real terms, the proposed new subscription rate equates to a monthly charge of the price of a First Class stamp or the cost of a cup of Costa Coffee every three months.

I hope this puts our proposal into context and that it is met with your approval when we put it to a vote.

The proposal that subscriptions be raised to £15 annually and 3 year options be ceased was put to the assembled audience and the motion was carried unanimously.

7. Journal Editor's Report: Amanda Gostelow

Amanda reported that we still do not have sufficient articles being offered. She only has one for inclusion in the next Points East although Dorothy Morgan has apparently something in the pipeline. Articles considered for inclusion don't need to be literary gems; photographs, certificates, newspaper articles or any snippets are warmly welcomed to fill the Journal which will keep our readers interested and amused. The articles will also be posted on the new website as well as in the Journal.

8. Research Manager's Report: Angela Waterfall

I was so pleased that some people shared memories of Coronation 1953. As you know, these articles were published in Points East Issue 59. The Coronation of 2023 has been celebrated; in Wallingford, we had both a town party and a local street party. Sadly, I forgot to take photos but maybe members of the EFHS may

like to contribute family photos of the day to our archives – ready for the next Coronation.

The task of attaching certificates and other digitised information to the “Big Tree” is still underway and I am hoping that I will soon be busy transferring most of our archives to the members’ area of the new website.

We have received more queries this year (11 in total); most have come via e-mail but two have come via Ancestry because the “Big Tree”, although private, is searchable. In most cases, I can find some information among our archives; if I can’t then I will ask for some more information or post the query in our Points East magazine. Some people asking for information become members (maybe only for a year) and correspond until they have the information that they need. Our latest query was from a PhD student researching early music; she is unlikely to become a member, but she has given me possible family links for Thomas East, the printer and promised to share more information as she finds it. This should add rich data to the information about Easts in the 16th and 17th century. This year, I was lucky to add a weekend’s family history research to my trip on the North Coast 500 in Northern Scotland. I went to Dundee, the place where my grandfather was born, and went to the archives, looked at memorial stones and walked around streets where they lived. I returned home with a lot of information about his uncle’s family and even more questions about the family than when I had gone there. It is such a different experience from online searching on Family History websites or British Newspaper Archives. Next year, I intend to make my searches more local – my great-grandfather came from Monks Risborough and yet I have not been to the churchyard there and looked to see what extra information I might glean.

I continue to be grateful for Pam and Ken Pearce’s support with the translation of wills. I want to thank Dorothy Morgan and David East, a new member, for providing copies of certificates. Pam Pearce is extremely good at finding, and passing on, snippets from newspapers about people with the surname East; these are scanned and kept in County files. One of the aims of our Society is to collect all references to the East/Este name and collate and store them for the use of members and researchers; please remember to pass such information to me. I have lots of Family Trees donated by members, but I am sure that many people will have done further research since they submitted them. I would love to have that updated information too.

9. Website Report: Amanda Gostelow

Amanda’s son Adam has kindly developed our new website which was comprehensively demonstrated to the AGM guests by Amanda. Although in its infancy, the existing content shows great potential for The Society moving

forward. There is a lot to draw in interested new members with the Members Area holding so much information for those wishing to examine the huge amount of verified data, be it copies of East BMD certificates provided by members or an alphabetical list of East BMD entries as well as a register of Members Interests.

10. Thanks to Event Manager: Pam Pearce

Once again, Pam and her husband Ken have provided us with an impressive historic venue for our AGM. This is our first return since 2019 but it once again gave us all a memorable occasion. To have arranged the event at such short notice and to have found a new caterer who has continued to delight us even after her previous caterers retired is truly an achievement and a vote of thanks was given to Pam.

11. Recruitment Drive: Dorothy Morgan

Dorothy appealed to all members to each find one new member which would manage to double our membership and also our membership income through subscriptions. Dorothy has designed recruitment posters which were distributed at the meeting for people to display in their local areas such as libraries and other public notice boards.

12. Founders Award: Peter East

Let me explain to the newer members that the Founders Award, so named, in honour of John and Andree East who founded The East Family History Society, is something which is issued annually to the person adjudged, by The Committee, to have contributed the best article for inclusion in our journal, Points East in the Spring and Autumn editions each year. The value of the award is £50. This year the award has been won by Ros Hipkin for her 1953 Coronation memories together with a poem she had discovered about The West Somerset Railway.

13. Election of Officers

The posts of Secretary and Treasurer were declared vacant.

Nominations for Secretary: Dorothy Morgan.

Proposed : Angela East Seconded: Peter East

Dorothy Morgan unopposed as new Secretary

Nominations for Treasurer: Dr John East

Proposed: Amanda Gostelow Seconded: Peter East

John East unopposed as new Treasurer

Jane Rimmington volunteered to become a Committee Member

Proposed : Ros Hipkin Seconded: Peter East

The Other Existing officers for 2023-2024 were returned unopposed

Chairperson: Angela East

Research Manager: Angela Waterfall

Social Secretary: Pam Pearce

Journal / Website Editor: Amanda Gostelow

Following the AGM, Gillian McCorry, who was unable to attend the AGM due to a prior engagement, offered her services as a Committee Member.

Proposed: Angela East Seconded: Peter East

14. Date of next AGM

It was agreed that the 2024 AGM should take place around a similar date in October next year but would need to be firmed up nearer the time to take into account the availability of Committee Members. *To be confirmed*

15. Any other business

The Secretary made the attendees aware that back copies of Points East were available to purchase on the day at £2 per copy.

Peter also then made the point that subscription increases voted for today did not affect him as a Life Member (a membership which was no longer available) so he had therefore decided to revoke his Life Membership and would henceforth renew his membership annually.

The meeting closed at 13.15

P.E.

I wish to thank the committee of the EFHS for choosing my article as the recipient of the Founders' Award for 2023. I was very surprised. As yet I haven't decided what to buy with the money but will let you know when I do.

Ros Hipkin

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

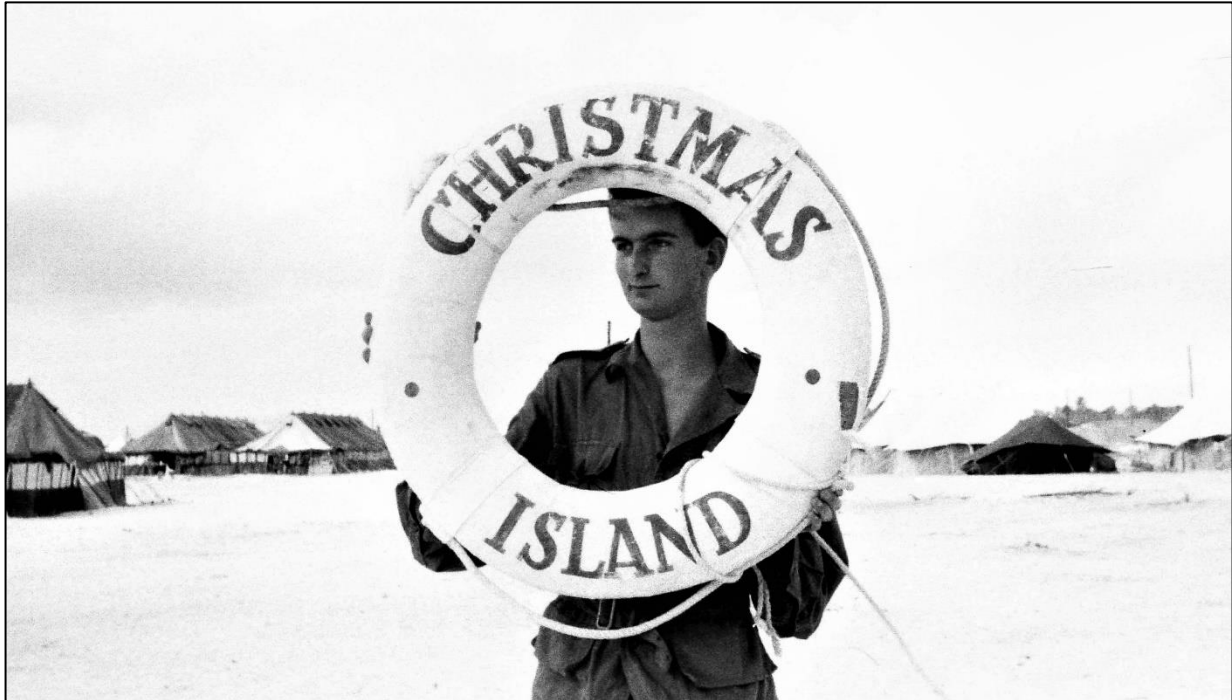
The articles will be judged by members of the committee and the result announced at the autumn AGM

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

In memory of John and Andrée East

Nuclear Test Medal award *by Dr Lionel East*

Dr. Lionel East has been awarded the Nuclear Test Medal in recognition of his service in Christmas Island during the British Operation Grapple [1957-58] to demonstrate a megaton hydrogen bomb capability. At the time both America and the USSR had demonstrated such a capability, but following 3 unsuccessful attempts, Britain urgently needed to demonstrate the capability before the atmospheric Test Ban Treaty came into effect.



Lionel on Christmas Island

After leaving school, Lionel was called up in August 1956 for two year's National Service and placed in the Royal Engineers. His basic training was in Cove, near Hawley Lake, and he was then based in Maidstone, Kent. In August 1957 his regiment was posted to Christmas Island in great haste travelling by civilian aircraft on available seats including first class. The primary role of the Regiment was to build the infrastructure needed to test a hydrogen bomb just off the coast of the island. A very important task of Lionel's troop of about 30 sappers was to build the Target Indicator, which was a concrete triangle in the ground with sides of 50 yards used by the pilot of the Valiant bomber carrying the hydrogen bomb to determine exactly when he should release the bomb. Remarkable the Target Indicator can still be seen using Google Earth and an input of 1.703522°, -157.238336°.

The bomb was tested on 8th November 1957. It was detonated at an altitude of 2250 metres about a mile off-shore and as such was a 'Clean bomb' because it added very little radioactive material to the atmosphere. The

troops were about 25 miles away at the main camp and sat cross-legged on the ground facing away from the bomb within a coconut plantation. They closed their eyes, faced the ground and had both hands over their eyes. Even so the light from the bomb was so intense that after 2 seconds it shone through their hands revealing the bone structure of their hands as in an X ray. There was also intense heat and later the blast which, it was said, could be heard in Honolulu over a thousand miles away. However the test was a success and the yield was measured at 1.8 megatons, over a hundred times greater than the yield of the atomic bomb used at Hiroshima at the end of World War 2. This placed Britain in the select group of countries with the capability to use hydrogen bombs before the Test Ban Treaty came into effect in 1963.

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<https://www.jesus.cam.ac.uk/articles/nuclear-test-medal-award>



Face of Medal



Back of Medal

900 pages from the Domesday Book are available from this site
<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/+https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/domesday/>

The Mystery of James East, Cabinet Maker

by David East

I am David East, born in 1938. My father was Alfred Arthur East (1907-1963). After his death I realised how little I knew about the East family. I had made the basic error, made by many genealogists, of not talking to my father and other relatives and to document what they knew about the family. I served 22 years in the RAF and it wasn't until after I had left the service that I started to do my research. My mother remembered snippets of the East family history, all very interesting, but much of it shrouded in family folklore. Talking to her and utilising old family photographs, I started building the East family tree but by then many of my relatives had passed away. Fortunately, the Internet, Ancestry and later DNA became available to research and grow the family tree. Until recently, the East line in the tree could not progress further than the name of my 2nd great-grandfather, James East. I was at an impasse; what follows is how we found him.

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Parish or Township of <i>St John the Evangelist</i>		Ecclesiastical District of <i>St Mary</i>		City or Borough of <i>Westminster</i>		Street of		House of	
Household Number	Name of Street, Place, or Road, and Name or No. of House	Name and Surname of each Person who abode in the house, on the Night of the 30th March, 1851	Relation to Head of Family	Condition	Age of		Rank, Profession, or Occupation	Where Born	Whether blind, or deaf, or idiotic, or insane, or of unsound mind
					Male	Female			
		<i>Isabel B. Spurr</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>5</i>		<i>Scholar</i>	<i>West, Westminster</i>	
		<i>Isabel B. do</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>2</i>			<i>St Mary, E. London</i>	
		<i>Isabel B. do</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>2</i>		<i>Servant</i>	<i>do do</i>	
<i>115</i>	<i>88 Regent Street</i>	<i>Jane West</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Widow</i>	<i>57</i>		<i>Laundress</i>	<i>West, Bedford</i>	<i>✓</i>
		<i>Caroline do</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>29</i>		<i>Cook</i>	<i>St Mary, E. London</i>	
		<i>Belinda do</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>19</i>		<i>House</i>	<i>do do</i>	
		<i>Elizabeth Ranga</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>68</i>		<i>Genl. Servant</i>	<i>do do</i>	
		<i>Clara East</i>	<i>Servant</i>	<i>M</i>	<i>27</i>		<i>Seamstress</i>	<i>St Mary, E. London</i>	<i>✓</i>

Figure 1: Clara East, 1851 Census

Our story begins on Sunday 30th March 1851, census day (Figure 1). Clara East, my 2nd great-grandmother is aged 27. She is a seamstress lodging with Jane West, at 88 Regent St, Westminster, London. Clara is heavily pregnant with her first child. Her son Francis James East, my great-grandfather is born on the 13th May 1851, and registered by Clara.

REGISTRATION DISTRICT Westminster										
1851 BIRTH in the Sub-district of St John the Evangelist in the County of Middlesex										
No.	When and where born	Name, if any	Sex	Name and surname of father	Name, surname and maiden surname of mother	Occupation of father	Signature, description and residence of informant	When registered	Signature of registrar	Name entered after registration
1	13th May 1851	Francis James	Boy	James East	Clara East formerly Heath	Cabinet Maker	Clara East formerly Heath, 88 Regent Street, Westminster	13th May 1851	Registrar	Francis James East

Figure 2: Birth Certificate for Francis James East, 1851

The birth certificate (Figure 2) names Francis James' father as "James East, Cabinet Maker". Clara is recorded as "Clara East formerly Heath", perhaps, but this is difficult to decipher. All this seems to be as you would expect a typical

family unit. However, according to the 1851 census, James East is not with the expectant Clara. Searching for James East in the 1851 census reveals that his name is more common than you would think. Not one of the “James East” candidates we found could be linked to Clara and Francis James.

The next step was to search for Clara and James’ marriage registration but none could be found. In the 1851 census record, Clara is aged 27 but is “unmarried”. Is the marital status on the census an error, or fact?

Closer examination of this census records Clara’s birthplace as “Berkshire, not known”. Our searches for a Clara Heath born or living in Berkshire were fruitless and there was no trace of the family in the 1861 census, with or without James. This raised several questions. Did Clara die? There was no death record. Where is James? Is he also dead, in hospital, or even in prison? Could Francis James be in an orphanage or institution?

According to my mother, Francis James was a Freeman of the City of London, awarded because of his work as an ornamental plasterer on the ceilings of London’s theatres.

Initial enquiries to the Worshipful Company of Plasterers were unsuccessful.

This prompted a search of the Ancestry collection “Freedom of the City of London Admission Papers 1681-1930”. To our delight, we found Francis James East’s indenture papers (Figure 3) signed and dated 1866 and filed on his admission to the Freedom of the City in 1873.

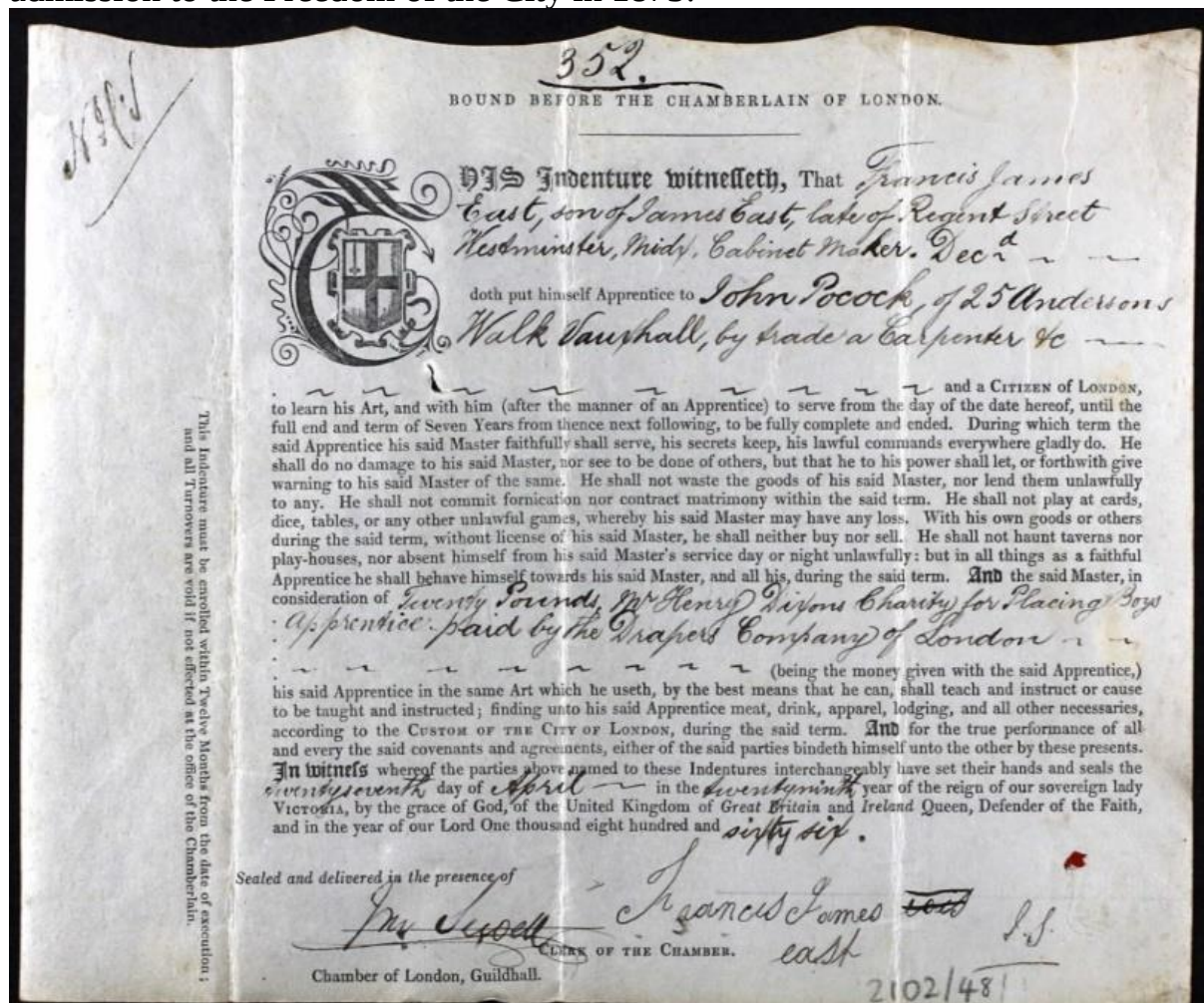


Figure 3: Francis James East's Indenture Paper, 1866

It says: “Francis James East, son of James East, late of Regent Street, Westminster, Midx. Cabinet Maker, Decd-- doth put himself Apprentice to John Pocock of 25 Andersons Walk, Vauxhall, by trade a Carpenter ... for a full term of 7 years”. The apprenticeship was sponsored by “The Henry Dixon Charity for the Placing of Boys Apprentice” and the £20 fee was paid for by the Drapers Company of London on 27th April 1866.

This indenture paper corroborated all we knew from Francis James’ birth certificate. Francis James was 15 when his signature was witnessed and accepted as legal. For a long time, we paid no further attention to the indenture paper; however this source turned out to be highly significant. So, we have a trace of Francis James in 1866 and 1873 but he cannot be found in 1871 census. Where is he? If he was a carpenter, what was he doing? Family anecdotes say he was a plasterer, a big leap from carpentry.

No.	When Married	Name and Surname	Age	Condition	Rank or Profession	Residence at the time of Marriage	Father's Name and Surname	Rank or Profession of Father
454	June 4th 1876	Francis James East	25	Bachelor	Plasterer	7, Regent Terrace, Blackstock Road	James East (deceased)	Cabinet Maker
		Fanny Archer	19	Spinster		7, Regent Terrace, Blackstock Road	Shadrach Archer (deceased)	Plasterer

Married in the Church of St. Pancras according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by William Spearman or after William Archer by me, William Archer

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Francis James East and Fanny Archer in the presence of us, William Spearman and William Archer

Figure 4: Francis James East & Fanny Archer, parish marriage register, 1876

In 1876, the 25-year-old Francis James marries Fanny Archer. Significantly, in the parish marriage register (Figure 4), Francis James’ occupation is given as plasterer; so it was not all hearsay!

After many years of searching, Francis James’ mother and father were still a mystery. We decided that we needed to spread our enquiries further afield. Francis James’ birth certificate names his mother as “formerly Heath”, at least that is what it looked like. Our searches for Clara “Heath” were fruitless; deciphering the handwriting was proving frustrating. Perhaps we should have checked sooner, but clarity over the registrar’s handwriting came by checking the GRO index entry for Francis James’ birth. The GRO index names his mother’s maiden name as “Hall”. Was Clara Hall then from Berkshire, as per the 1851 census?

Whoever completed 1851 census entry at 88 Regent St. took a guess at her birthplace. We tried several rural counties eventually coming across a strong candidate: Clara Hall, born 1824 in Dilton Marsh, Westbury in the county of Wiltshire. This looked promising but how do we link this Clara Hall to our Clara East in the absence of any marriage sources?

Months passed; we were completely stuck! After reading an article on the East Family History Society website, we decided that our DNA may finally unravel the mystery. Once the DNA results were received, we discovered a DNA match with a tree that contained the name Clara Hall. In the 1861 census, this Clara Hall, born 1824 in Wiltshire, who was living with Isaac Ross and had a 10-year-old son, James Ross, born in Westminster. Intriguingly, this James Ross was the

Benjamin East, born in Grebby, Lincolnshire in 1788. Was this James East running two families? At the time of our research, there was no proof that this was our James East, but this was before DNA matching was available to hobby genealogists.

The more we searched our DNA results, the more matches we uncovered to direct descendants of the children of James Henry and Ann (Parlby) East. One particularly strong DNA match was a descendant of their daughter Ann Emily East (1854 – 1922). Registered in GRO index with name Ann, then baptised Ann Emily. She was commonly known as Emily Ann and continued to use that name. The DNA match was so strong that there is no doubt that this James East is the one we had been looking for. Our connection to this James East is also reinforced by two other DNA matches with Ancestry members descended directly from James and Ann's son, John Parlby East (1859-1838).

Our investigation into the life of this James East had revealed an incredible pattern of multiple partners. James, or to give his christened name James Henry East, was born 1813 in Shoreditch to Benjamin East (1788 – 1868) and Mary Ann Jones (1793 – 1842).

Benjamin East	50	Married	M
Mary do	40	do	M
James do	25	Married	M
William do	20	do	M
Mary do	15		M
Emma do	10		M
Ellen do	7		M

Figure 7: Benjamin East's Census Record, 1841

In the 1841 census (Figure 7), James is living with his parents in Shoreditch, aged 28, his marital status, is not recorded and his age is incorrectly recorded as 25. We wondered: Why is a 28-year-old man still living with his parents in 1841? James married Ann Parlby and his marital status is recorded on the parish register (Figure 8) as widower. The implication of this is there is a previous marriage but there is no record of a marriage with Amelia Atkins. So, who was James Henry married to in his early years?

No.	When Married.	Name and Surname.	Age.	Condition.	Rank or Profession.	Residence at the Time of Marriage.	Father's Name and Surname.	Rank or Profession of Father.
306	August 21	James East	35	Widower	Cabinet Maker	34 Squire Road Mort	Benjamin East	Cabinet Maker
		Ann Parlby	22	Spinster		34 Squire Road Mort	John Parlby	Carpenter

Married in the Trinity Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church, by James J. Temple or after Benjamin by me,

This Marriage was solemnized between us James East in the Presence of Charles Barry Ellen Adelaide Selway

Figure 8: James East & Ann Parlby parish marriage register, 1856

The eagle-eyed of you will have spotted inconsistencies in James Henry report age in our sources. Given James Henry's birth year is 1813, there are discrepancies in the age he has given throughout his life. However, we are confident that we are dealing with a single person when considered in conjunction with family members, their recorded address and witnesses in other marriages.

Further research found a parish marriage record (Figure 9) for James Henry East and Ann Sophia Henshaw, 20th April 1832. James Henry would have been aged 19. Ann Sophia is a widow, aged 40 and pregnant with their child Isabella Mary East, born 3rd October 1832.

James Henry East of this Parish Bachelor

and Ann Sophia Henshaw of this Parish Spinster

were married in this Church by James with Consent of this Twentieth Day of April in the Year One thousand eight hundred and forty two

By me Walter Kelly Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us { James Henry East
Ann Sophia Henshaw

In the Presence of { Hugh Fisher Spanger
Isabella Hudson

No. 890.

Figure 9: James Henry East & Ann Sophia Henshaw parish marriage register, 1832

We cannot be 100% certain that this marriage is our James Henry East since we don't have a DNA match through Isabella but the facts seem to fit and the timing is right. At the time of the 1841 census they are not living under the same roof. James is living with his parents and Ann and Isabella are residing a short walk away. Ann Sophia died in 1845, the death being registered by the "neighbour present" who names Ann Sophia's husband as "James East, Cabinet Maker". So when James Henry marries Ann Parlby in 1853 his marital status of widower is correct.

The image shows a handwritten census record from 1851. The document is divided into two main sections by a vertical line. The left section contains the names of the household members: James Henry East (Head), Elizabeth (Wife), Ann (Annie) (Daughter), and Benjamin (Father). The right section contains the occupation of the head of household, 'Cabinet Maker', and the name of the enumerator, 'Middle. Sherwood'. The record is dated '1851' and includes a reference number '100' in the top left corner.

100	James Henry East	Head	Ann	1851	Cabinet Maker	Middle. Sherwood
	Elizabeth	Wife				
	Ann	Daughter				
	Benjamin	Father				

Figure 10: James Henry East & Amelia Atkins census, 1851

After 1845, it appears that James Henry embarks on a partnership with Amelia Atkins. To recap, the 1851 census (Figure 10) records James Henry is living with Amelia and their daughter Elizabeth, aged 2, along with his father Benjamin East. A second daughter, Ann (Annie) aged 4, is staying with James Henry's sister Mary Ann East. All this clearly points to the fact that whilst having a liaison with Clara Hall in about 1850, James Henry had a family with Amelia. We cannot be 100% sure that this philandering carried on with Amelia and continued throughout his marriage to Ann Parlbay. Further DNA evidence is required, but it is not beyond the realms of possibility.

We can only speculate whether Clara discovered the truth about James Henry around the time of Francis James East's birth, but whatever the truth of the matter the relationship ended.

We had suspected for some time that the story of James East's death on Francis James' indenture papers was a fabrication by Clara to cover up her son's illegitimacy. Clara went on to have a relationship with Isaac Ross and, to cement the family unit, Francis James and Clara adopted the surname, Ross. Francis James was known in the Ross family by his second name, James. Francis James continued to use the name James Ross until he became a Freeman of the City of London in about 1873 when he reverted to using his birth name for the rest of his life.

We believe James Henry East died in 1872 at the age of 58. There is no death certificate, just a doctor's certificate referenced on the Tower Hamlets Cemetery Daybook.

Since adding James Henry into our tree, another DNA match has surfaced which connects us to one of James Henry's sisters, Ellen Charlotte East (born 1837). This DNA match strengthens our connection to James Henry and also his father, Benjamin. Solving the mystery of "James East, Cabinet Maker" has allowed the East side of our family tree to be traced back a further 100 years to the mid 18th century.

As we were finishing this episode of our family history, we received my brother's DNA results which share some of our matches but he also has new matches to descendants of James Henry East. Notably, my brother also has matches with descendants of Amelia and James' first daughter, Ann (Annie) East (born abt. 1846) and their 3rd daughter, Ellen Atkins East (born 1852). These children were born either side of the birth of my great-grandfather, Francis James East (born 1851), James' son with Clara Hall!

Through our combined DNA results, we now say with certainty that James Henry East, Cabinet Maker, is our 2nd great-grandfather.

Francis James East married Fanny Archer in 1876. They had 7 children in 13 years. Francis James founded F.J. East & Sons, a successful builder and house

decorator business. Francis James died in 1936, 2 years before I was born, and Fanny Archer died in 1949. I do remember her but only vaguely. There is much more to tell but that we will keep for another day.

Acknowledgements:

Uncovering my East ancestry has been a family affair, both close and distant and to whom I extend my gratitude.

Susan Mumford, my daughter, editor, meticulous researcher and DNA enthusiast has done the bulk of the work over the past year. Special thanks go to Andrew Mumford, my son-in-law, for his intuitive input that pointed us in a productive direction and stimulated our lateral thinking.

Finally, and by no means least, to the Ancestry DNA members, whose linked trees and helpful messages provided us with the proof we were seeking to tell our story confidently and accurately.

Without you, unravelling the mystery of “James East, Cabinet Maker”, would have been impossible.

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Italian connection?

by Gillian McCorry (daughter of Constance Ivy East)

During the summer I was at my townhouse in the south of France and attended a local sacred music festival. A vocal ensemble founded in Cambridge was singing, the ‘Gesualdo Six’. I was curious about them and why they had chosen that name, so had a look on the Internet. Their first performance was ‘Tenebrae Responsories for Maudy Thursday’ by Carlo Gesualdo.

Carlo Gesualdo was an Italian composer born in Venosa in 1566. His second wife was Eleonora d’Este whom he married in 1594. She was from Ferrara, home of the d’Este court.

I know from EFHS that there are connections with those who have the surname Este and wondered if they had looked into any Italian connections. Apparently, Carlo Gesualdo murdered his first wife and her lover but was found not guilty!

I have only found information on Wikipedia and will leave it to others to investigate further.

A Double Murder in the Family. (Warning: A Sad Story) *by Dorothy Morgan*

Background

This is a true account about Daniel East. He was my 4th cousin once removed.

Daniel East was the eldest son of Joseph East, a Hoop maker, and Sarah Polykett; he was born in Chesham in September 1844. Chesham is a Market town situated in the Chess valley in Buckinghamshire and known at that time for the 4 B's, Boots, Brushes, Beer and Baptists! At the time of 1851 census, Daniel's family were living at 11, Waterside, a hamlet of Chesham.

In September 1864, Daniel, age 19, married Ellen Plested, age 24, at Amersham in Buckinghamshire. They had 5 children, Ralph East Plested, b.1863 Chesham, Albert, b.1865 Chesham, Martha, b.1867, David, b.1874 and Frederick William b.1876, all born in Hertfordshire. In the 1871 Census, the family were living at 62, High Street in Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire. Like his father, Daniel was a Wooden-Hoop maker.

What follows is an exact copy (spelling & grammar) of the extensive report in the *Herts Advertiser and St Albans Times*, Saturday, March 3, 1877

GREAT BERKHAMPSTEAD SHOCKING TRAGEDY TWO CHILDREN MURDERED BY THEIR FATHER

Considerable excitement and alarm was caused in the quiet little town of Berkhamstead, in this county, soon after four o'clock on Saturday afternoon by the announcement that the bodies of two little children had been found in a wood called Pond Meadow Spring, about two miles from the town, and the excitement was increased by the subsequent statement that there was little doubt that the deceased had been cruelly murdered, and that a man named Daniel East, a wooden-hoop maker, had given himself up to the Ivinghoe police on the charge. Upon enquiry it was found that three men named Glenister, Draper and Lee, together with a boy named Butterfield, all living in or near Berkhamstead, were returning from work, when coming alongside the wood, and within a few yards of the footpath, had discovered the remains of two young children. Two or three of the company started off to give information to the police, and at once communicated with Inspector Goodyear, who has charge of the Berkhamstead station. Before, however, the officer could reach the scene, Sergeant Bowden, of the Bucks police, stationed at Ivinghoe, and police constable Brown, of Northchurch, had arrived, and were bringing away the bodies. By this time the news had spread throughout the neighbourhood, and crowds of persons were making for the place indicated as the scene of the murder. The bodies were taken to The Crooked Billett public house Northchurch, about half-a-mile from

Berkhampstead police station, and were there identified as the children of Daniel East and his wife, who lived in St John Well Lane, Berkhampstead. East was at one time in business for himself but has been latterly working for distant relations Messrs. East and Son. However, failing health, we believe he has been suffering from consumption, has prevented him earning much money, and the family has become reduced in circumstances. He left home about 10 o'clock on Saturday morning with the intention of taking his two youngest children David aged three years on the 17th February last, and Frederick William, age nine months on the 9th of January for a walk. St. John Well Lane comes down to the banks of the Grand Union Canal, which runs through Berkhampstead, and about the hour named, East, having with him the two children, was seen going along the towing path. He then appears to have gone on the bridge which spans the water in Billet Lane, and up a public footpath leading out of the lane into some grass and ploughed fields, and alongside a small wood called Pond Spring to Berkhampstead Common. The coppice, or wood, mentioned is about a mile and a half from the canal named, and is within sight of two farmhouses, one occupied by Mr. Robinson and the other by Mr. Ginger the last-named gentleman's house not being many hundred yards away. Some little distance up the wood there was a gap from the footpath and a few yards in, and close to a large tree, the fearful tragedy we have to record was committed. The statement of the father of the children, Daniel East, given below, is, that while he had premeditated the foul deed, and had taken a drawing knife and razor with him for the purpose of committing it, when he got to the spot indicated, he could not 'pluck up enough to kill them. I took them up in my arms twenty times each (he continues), and then I cut their throats'. It is stated - though the fact did not come out in evidence at the inquest - that later on, the prisoner was seen in the wood by a shepherd employed on one of the farms near, the man suspecting that East was setting wires for rabbits, watched him; and he thereupon ran across the wood as fast as he could. At any rate, the prisoner now in custody reached Ivinghoe Police Station, a distance of six miles or more from Pond Meadow Spring, by half past one o'clock. What took place there will best come out in the evidence given below, but after stating his attentions, he gave himself up on the charge of murdering his two children, and directed the constable where he could find them. As stated, the bodies were found before Sergeant Bowden could arrive, and East having been detained in custody was, at a later hour, taken to Berkhampstead. Unfortunately, East is not altogether unknown to the police, having been twice convicted of minor offences. His conduct in the police station was rational enough and he throughout behaved himself in a respectful manner. It will be observed that he gave poverty as the reason for committing the deed with which, on his own confession, he is charged. He has a wife and five children, the eldest being a boy of thirteen years, and it would seem that the family has been in some distress. Great sympathy is felt for Mrs. East and the remaining portion of her family. The prisoner is, we believe a native of Chesham, but has lived in Berkhampstead for several years. He has a father now living. During Saturday afternoon and evening, and all Sunday, large numbers of persons visited the scene of the

tragedy and gratified their peculiar taste in minute examining the spot where the bodies were found, and in speculating upon various probabilities connected with the case. On a tree, at the trunk of which the children were discovered, someone cut in large letters 'D.E.' It is a great number of years since a murder was committed in Berkhamstead, and therefore the affair has caused the greatest commotion.

INQUESTS ON THE BODIES

The inquest on the bodies of the deceased children, David East, aged three years, and Frederick Wm. East, aged eight months, were held on Monday evening. At five o'clock, Mr. H. Brabant, coroner, St. Albans (acting for Mr. Day, of Hemel Hempstead, the coroner for the district), with his assistant, Mr. Herbert Day together with the jury, assembled at the Crooked Billet public house, outside which inn there assembled a crowd of persons. Fourteen Gentlemen were sworn upon the jury, namely Messrs. John Patheybridge, Alfred Augustus Holt, Wm. Chilton, Samuel Tinson, Anthony Slatter, Alfred Prudames M.R.V.C.S, Joseph Wilmott, Thomas King, Frederick Quincey Lane, Charles Edmund Harris, Alfred Wilkins, Joseph James Edwin Searle, Isaac Bunker and David Ralph Catherall. The names having been called over by Mr. Brabant, addressing the jury, the coroner informed them that they were summoned upon two inquests, one on the body of David East and the other on the body of Frederick Wm. East. Mr. Petheybridge having been chosen foreman, the jury proceeded to view the bodies of the murdered children, which were lying in a room on the ground floor of the house. They presented a shocking appearance. The neck of the eldest was cut almost from ear to ear, while on the left arm there was a severe cut; the throat of the baby was cut about four inches. The bodies were, however, those of fine looking, healthy children. The enquiry was then adjourned to the Kings Arms Hotel at Berkhamstead, kept by Mr. H. Lane. From the Crooked Billet to the hotel named a distance of about half a mile a crowd of persons followed the jurymen and waited about the neighbourhood until the termination of the inquests. The names having again been called over, Mr. H. Brabant (the coroner) said he did not want to interfere with the jury, but of course it was desirable that they should put from their minds any reports they might have heard, and they must only be guided in the verdict they might come to by the evidence brought before them. No evidence would be taken till the party implicated in the case was present. In the course of a few minutes the prisoner, Daniel East, the father of the children, was brought in handcuffed to a police-



King's Arms, Berkhamstead

constable. East was seated on a chair in one corner of the room. He is a slender man, about six feet in height; with the exception of a small moustache, he shaves clean. At the enquiry his appearance was that of a person suffering from some internal disease, his jaws being very thin, as were his hands. He wore a black coat and waistcoat and grey trousers with a stripe down either leg.

To be continued....

Re: Gloria Onstad family tree

From a letter by H. André East

Good afternoon,

The last issue of Points East brought me a sad news, the death of Gloria Onstad. In the Points East, 2007 Spring issue, page 12, we learned that our families were sharing a common ancestor. For almost twenty years, we have exchanged information trying to find who is our most recent common ancestor. Our last exchange was an email on August 7, 2019.

At the bottom of page 4 of Point East, issue 60, in a note, you asked who are the father and mother of William East, married to Margaret Gear, and of Richard East, married to Nancy Hannah; Samuel and Jane East or John East and Mary Clemenger. The attached copy of documents and of an article that I wrote will answer this question. (**Editor: to be included in the next Issue!**)

I noticed that some information given on Gloria Onstad family tree, shown on page 5 of Point East, Issue 60, differs from what is written in the parish registers of St Peter and St Paul of Buckingham; the birth date of Mary, Sarah and of the two Thomas, children of John East and Mary Clemenger. I also noted that this tree gives a wife to Thomas East and a wife and descendant to John East, sons of John East and Mary Clemenger. This is all news to me.

The 1861 census shows that John East, 8 years old, idiot, living with John East and Mary Clemenger, is their grand-son. Who was his father ?

According to Pamela Appleton Ames, in « JOHN EAST AND MARY CLEMENGER », John, William and Thomas « *left home for the New World, and enjoyed association with each other in Ontario, but never returned to live in England* ». She also wrote that the letter dated July 24th, 1938 that her mother handed her in 2006 mentions that « *Their youngest son Thomas, was enlisted in the Imperial Army for 21 years, and spent time in India. After he was discharged and pensioned off, he returned to England* ». She did not write anything else about him and his brother John.

In 1971 or thereabouts, Frank Gear East, grand-son of William East and Margaret Gear, wrote a booklet « *Family Tree and History of the East and Gully Clan 1795-1970* ». He wrote : « *The other brother was John and his life is somewhat*

of a mystery. It is my understanding that he was not married and while in Canada he did considerable moving about and often was not heard of for a long time. He finally disappeared and it was thought that, as a former sailor, he might have gone back to sea again or that he may have gone to Australia as he has sometimes mentioned doing both of these things. It is my impression that grandfather thought that he had gone back to sailing and was lost at sea». (Chapter XI, page 33).

Pamela Appleton Ames, also wrote an article titled « WILLIAM EAST AND MARGARET GEAR». Here is what she wrote (page 7 and 8) about John, William's brother:

«There are some mysterious stories about his other brother, John.

Frank East wrote:

“It is my understanding that he was not married and while in Canada he did considerable moving about and was often not heard of for a long time. He finally disappeared and it was thought that, as a former sailor, he might have gone back to sea again, or that he may have gone to Australia, as he had sometimes mentioned doing both of these things. It is my impression that grandfather thought that he had gone back to sailing and was lost at sea”.

Ellen East King also recorded the unusual events about her Uncle.

“He [William East] had a brother John who was in this country when I was just a baby, for they say he was so stout that he would take me by the hands and I would walk up the big hill, his tummy. He went away a year before Uncle Richard was buried [1869] and I was just three years old. When Uncle John was leaving here to go back home he wrote to father to meet him in Orangeville a certain day, but when he got the letter Uncle had been there, and gone, so he wrote a letter to him and his wife telling them how it was he did not be at Orangeville to say good bye. Sometime after he got a letter from auntie asking all about Uncle John saying he had not sent her any word he was going home. Father knew what vessel or ship he had intended going back on so he had the log book searched, and all the ships that sailed from Canadian ports and he never could find any place where he ever had his name booked, and he never was heard of again. He had one finger off his right hand and father would always look for that, when any stranger would call. He may have been robbed and murdered at the Lachine Rapids where it was learned that many a traveler disappeared when the boats was towed through there by mules and Negroes as slaves. Uncle was selling out a leather business and would have the money with him so father always said he would likely be robbed and thrown overboard there.

These events left William bereft of his two brothers, mourning the death of one and the disappearance of the other. The detail of John owning a leather business is an interesting connection to their homeland and William's first trade. Obviously he never gave up hope in looking for signs of the man with the missing finger”».

And Frank Gear East understood that John East was not married when he came to Canada. Ellen East King is a daughter of William East and Margaret Gear and was born on June 30th, 1866. This record of Ellen East King provides evidence that John East was still in Canada around 1868-69.

Referring to the 1861 census, the boy named John, 8 years old, therefore born in 1853, is qualified grand-son of John East and Mary Clemenger with whom he was living.

This boy is certainly not the son of John, the brother of William and Thomas, since he came to Canada shortly after William who came in 1844. This boy was not born then. And in 1853, John was still in Canada.

Thomas, the other brother, was born on November 23th, 1835 and he was about 18 years old in 1853. He might be the father of this boy but it would be surprising if he was married. Thomas was *in the Imperial Army for 21 years and spent time in India. After he was discharged and pensioned off, he returned to England.* Then, he must have been close to 50 years old.

That is all I know on these brothers. I would appreciate very much any information that you have on them.

If you wish to have a copy of Frank G. East's booklet and of Pamela Appleton Ames' article titled « WILLIAM EAST AND MARGARET GEAR », I will be happy to send you one.

(Editor: related articles to be included in the next Issue!)

East Brothers Timber DVD

Thank you to Ron East for the receipt (via Peter) of a DVD of East Brothers Timber which is dated around 1947. In the DVD, Ron himself is in the back of a pram (as he was born in May 1946).

During the 1930's Lilian East, his father's second sister, went to India where she met William Haines and had three children – Norah, Diana and William. They returned to England in 1946 and lived in West Dean for a time before settling in Yeovil where the children grew up. Following their deaths, and whilst clearing out the loft of their home, Norah and her husband Brian found cine films which no one knew anything about. Brian's profession was in photography for the RAF who then produced the DVD.

Both Andrew and Ron East know the majority of the people featured in the DVD and would be happy to talk through it at the next AGM.

Looking forward to it, Ron! Will be in touch....

Next Time in Points East....

Angela Waterfall has written an article on Philip Abraham East and invites answers from members to some questions posed. Pam Pearce submitted an article looking at the practical skills of her 4x Great grandfather, Robert East, with source information.

Part 2 of Dorothy's 'Double Murder' story continues with full details from the Inquest. H André East's article on 'The ancestors of William and Richard East of East Garafraxa, Ontario', with more posed questions, will also be included along with the related piece on John East & Mary Clemenger by non-member Pamela Appleton Ames (with her kind permission).

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.

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 an article from you, and any associated pictures or trees, for the next journal.

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 new East FHS website, **www.eastfhs.com**, for contact details of Local Research Assistants, Peter and Pam, for their help with your research.

Recruitment Poster

As our Chairperson said at the AGM in October, we need New Members. The enclosed Poster has been designed to help do this. Please place it in your Local Library, Community Centre or Local Archives, Record Centre or anywhere else you can think of.

Thank you.
Dorothy Morgan
Secretary

Larry D. Duke, 'Estes Trails'

I have again received the latest issue of the newsletter of the Estes family called 'Estes Trails', via email, for December '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.

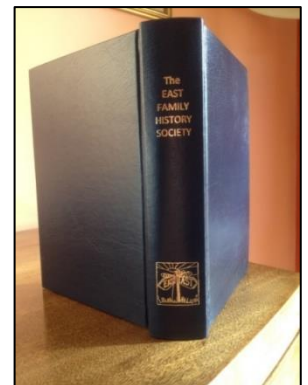
The December issue includes the usual Estes family stories, trees, census data, marriages and deaths as well as requesting help on a brick wall. There is a wealth of detail on these American Immigrant families who originally hailed from Kent, England.

Larry also gives us a good reminder: **'Remember to Will your Research'** – A lot of great research gets thrown in the trash each year by our relatives / descendants not interested in genealogy. Don't let this happen to your material. Make provisions that your material gets passed on to someone, family member or not who may want it. Also remember your local genealogical society. Write it on boxes and place instructions in several files!'

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.

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 Gillian (Committee member) know if you might be interested in buying one or more binders; there are only 15 left. The cost for one binder (including increased postage) is now £8. The cost for two binders (including postage together) is £15. Cheques to be sent to treasurer John (at his address on the inside front cover) made payable to the 'East Family History Society'.



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

Points East

To achieve production and distribution of the journal to members on the dates proposed:

All contributions need to be received by the 1st February for the Spring edition and 1st August for the Autumn edition

Distribution of copies to members will take place around 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

At the 2023 AGM, the annual subscription charge increase from £10 to £15 was voted upon and agreed unanimously. The withdrawal of the option of a reduced 3-year subscription was also agreed. The new rate will be effective for existing members from next year's renewal date of May 1st 2024. Existing 3-year memberships will of course be honoured, and the new rate will only become effective when those renewals are due. Members who have set up Standing Orders, could you please update your account with the new amount. New members joining will pay the new rate immediately.

You will receive a reminder in mid-April which will include information on how to pay.

If you have any questions regarding membership, please email our Secretary at the address on the inside front cover.

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

UK Residents and Overseas application forms are available to download from the new East FHS website:

~ **www.eastfhs.com** ~

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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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