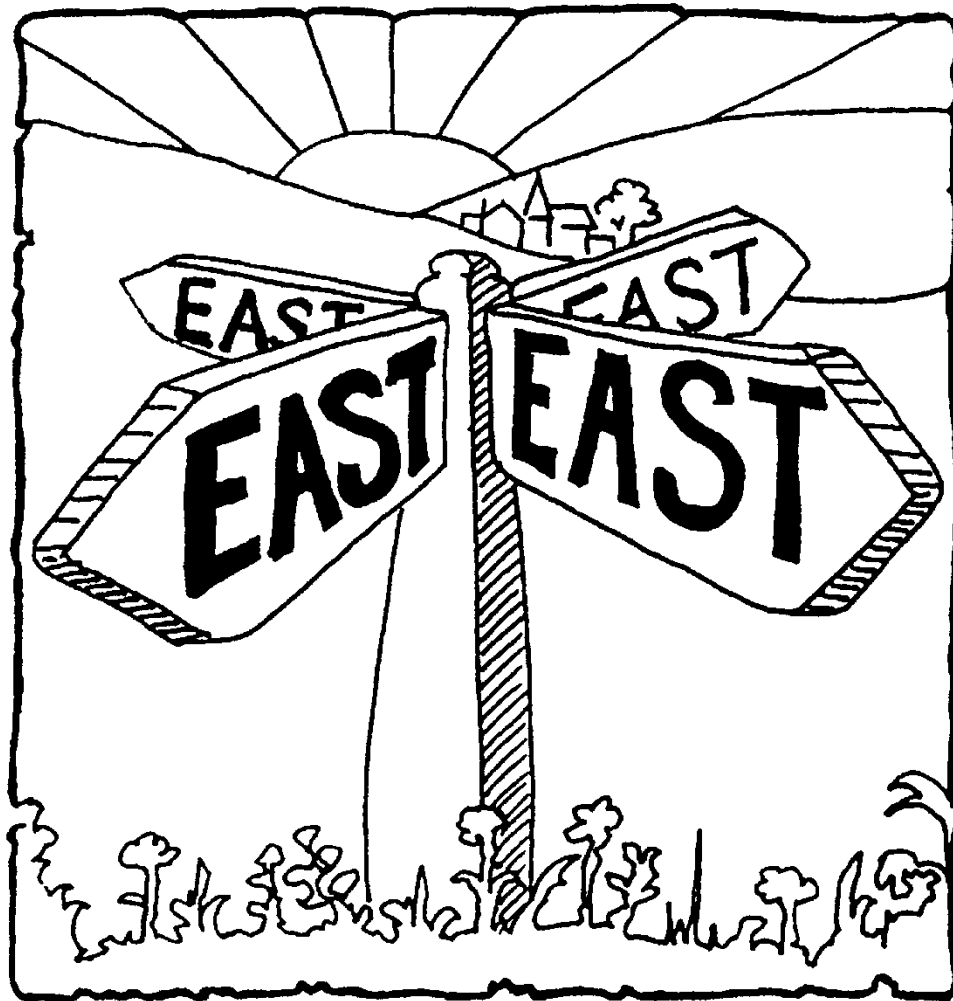


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Chairman's Message – Ros Hipkin

I hope you've all enjoyed the lovely warm weather this summer, yet still found time for some research.

I revisited Ightham Mote, in Kent, to see the "graffiti" in the Oriel Room where "Ann East April 24 1796" is etched. A guide held back a curtain to reveal it. It's much smaller than I'd expected & on a diamond shaped pane of glass. The glass looks exactly like all the others in the room. There are other names as well, so perhaps they knew one another. There is still no idea who these people were.

I've also had contact with another family member, David East, the grandson of my grandfather's youngest brother. I knew of the family line but, until he contacted our research manager, I had no knowledge of his whereabouts. He lives in New South Wales, Australia, as does my brother, Roger. David is hoping to visit the UK later in the year, so we may be able to

see one another.

My latest contact has been with a gentleman who has spent years researching and producing a book about Wraysbury in Berkshire, a village where I grew up. The book is really interesting and has brought back many memories of my childhood. There are photographs as well – some showing family members. I will bring the book to the AGM, as other members may like to see it.

I do hope many of you will join us at the AGM and meal in October. ♦

Editorial

Welcome to this latest 'Autumn' issue of Points East and a warm welcome to our new members (page 28) and continuing members. My best wishes to our Florida members in particular and hope that all are safe after the recent hurricanes.

In the last months I've been helping a friend with his family research, tracking down his ancestors to the town of Torry in Nigg, south of Aberdeen. I was able to find past addresses for his folk, which I plotted on Google Maps for him. He visited the area a few weeks ago and was excited to find one of the houses still intact (despite a lot of regeneration in the area). He was particularly interested in the family occupation – that being 'white fishermen'.

My own research has stalled somewhat over the summer, but I fully intend to tackle some 'brick walls' over the winter months. I do hope your own research is progressing well.

Please continue to pass on your East facts, research, family histories etc. to me & remember to confirm that you wish us to use the item in Points East.

Stay safe and happy reading! ♦

Just some other mother's son *by William R East*

Robert Naylor East was born in Birkenhead, Cheshire, in 1893, the fifth of seven children born to Walter Herbert and Elizabeth Jane East (nee Daly). All five brothers are known to have served in the Army during WW1, though in various regiments. Robert (Bob) enlisted in the Cheshire Regiment in Birkenhead, at the formation of the 1st/4th Battalion in 1914, with the holding number 4008, which was changed after training to the full Regimental number of 201479.

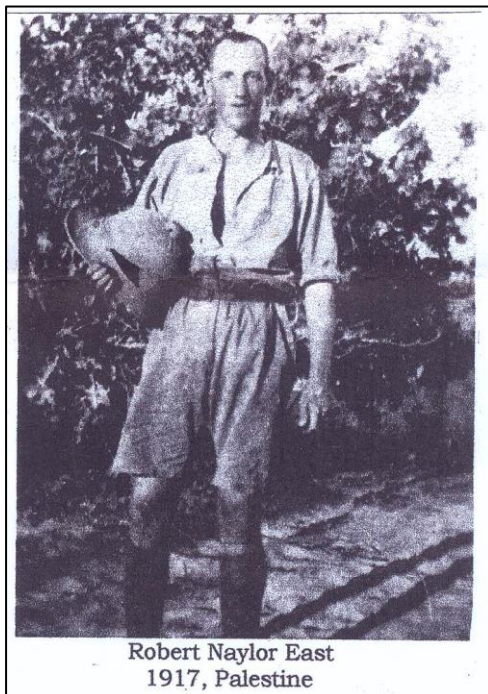
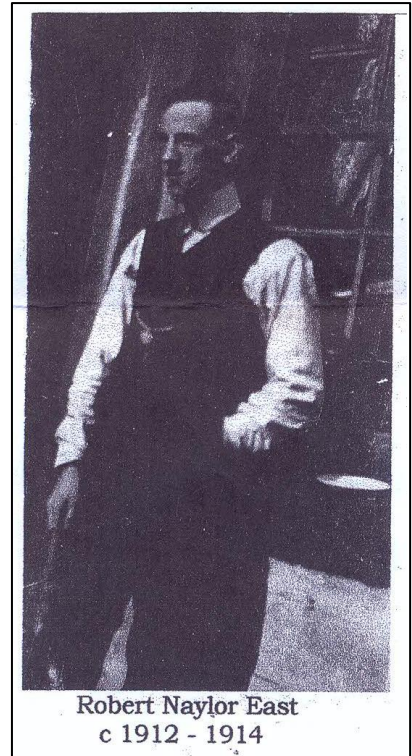
Following basic training, and a good deal of being shunted round the British Isles, the battalion, now forming part of the Welsh Division, embarked from Devonport on the 17th of July 1915, on the S.S. 'Euipides'.

On the 8th of August 1915 the battalion was landed on 'C' beach, Suvia Bay, Gallipoli, and from then until the 19th of December 1915, they lived, fought, and frequently died in the well documented hell of that place. Bob Naylor East survived Gallipoli, and Suvia Bay, re-embarking on the 19th December 1915, en route for Alexandria, Egypt, where the battalion was landed a few days later.

From then until the last week of March 1917 he marched with his battalion overland towards Palestine. It must have been an astonishing climatic and cultural shock for a young man from Claughton Road, Birkenhead, to find himself trekking through Sinai, after so recently fighting his way through the carnage of the Dardanelles.

From the 26th of March until the 20th of April 1917 Bob fought in the battle for Gaza, where the Cheshire's suffered heavy losses. He fought with the battalion at the capture of Bersheba, on the 26th of October 1917, following which there was a good deal of heavy fighting as they moved on Jerusalem, capturing Hebron and Bethlehem on the way. Jerusalem fell on the 9th of December, the battalion moving into the city on the 26th. They arrived at 7pm and were billeted, most of them in Notre Dame College, with one company at St George's School. Bob spent his last night in one of these places.

At 7am on the morning of the 27th the battalion was ordered to 'stand to' in anticipation of an



enemy attack, though according to the Day Diary this was limited to sporadic artillery, mortar and sniper fire.

By the time the battalion was ordered to 'stand down', at 7.30pm, Bob Naylor East was dead. Bob had been manning a 2" mortar as part of a battery, perhaps with a Lance Corporal Albert Davies from Manchester. They are buried close to each other in the Jerusalem War Cemetery.

Bob was my uncle, one of my father's brothers, and I never met him.

To the world at large he was just some other mother's son, and I wanted to record his being.

25th Anniversary Dinner, AGM and Transport to venue

The committee would be delighted to see as many East FHS members as possible attend the 25th Anniversary meal and AGM on Saturday 13th October at Bishopshalt School, Royal Lane, Hillingdon, Uxbridge, UB8 3RF. As minuted at the last AGM, it was noted that this year will be the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Society. It was proposed that the Society hosts a dinner at the next AGM and that a guest speaker be invited to speak after the meal.

Antony Marr is a retired Assistant Registrar who appears on many family history forums and is a well-known speaker. He proposes that the title of his talk would be 'What's in a name?' *"looking at the rules around naming and the registration of births, reading the hidden information on a certificate and the way to search indexes to find them most effectively. Many researchers have no real understanding of civil registration, especially corrections and re-registrations or even how to correctly interpret a birth certificate"*.

The timetable for the day is:

10.00 am ~ Meet and Greet in the Entrance Hall, Conference Room and Conservatory with drinks table and research table

12 noon ~ AGM in room 3

1.00 pm ~ Anniversary dinner: Junior Library

2.00 pm ~ Speaker: Antony Marr "What's in a Name"

Afterwards ~ Mingle and research, visit displays and general chat.

4.30 pm ~ Close

Arrangements can be made via Brian East to collect members from the tube/bus station and bring them to the Bishopshalt venue. If transport to the school is an issue for anyone, but you would otherwise wish to attend, then please do let Brian or another committee member know in advance via their email or postal addresses on the inside front cover.

Private Jabez EAST – Killed Third Battle of Passchendaele 31 July 1917 *by Chris East & Ray Ellis*

EAST FHS member Ray Ellis (son of Helena EAST) who lives in the village of Melbourne, South Cambridgeshire, recounted recently how he had been chosen, as an ancestor of a soldier killed at the third battle of Passchendaele, to take part in a huge ceremony of remembrance in the Belgian town of Ypres in July 2017. Ray's great uncle Jabez EAST, son of Thomas and Elizabeth EAST, of Meldreth, South Cambridgeshire, was in the Cambridgeshire Regiment. Jabez was killed on 31 July 1917, the first day of the third battle of Passchendaele.



The remembrance event was attended by Prince Charles and Prince William plus the King and Queen of Belgium. Ray commented on how well they were received by the Belgian people at the many activities associated with the event, including a parade and church service.

The following is just one piece, written by a soldier in the battle, which was read out at a church service; it really shows the horror of war:

“I staggered up the hill and then dropped over the slope into a sort of gully. It was here that I froze and became very frightened because a big shell had just burst and blown a group of lads to bits; there were bits of men all over the place, a terrible sight, men just blown to nothing. I just stood there. It was still and misty, and I could taste their blood in the air.”

Having no known grave, Jabez EAST is commemorated on the Menin Gate in Ypres as shown in this image (left) and on the Meldreth village war memorial.

CAMBRIDGESHIRE REGIMENT	
CAPTAIN	PRIVATE
JONAS F. C.	CRANN G. H.
LIEUTENANT	CROSS G. H.
SAUNDERS E. W.	DENT B. R.
SECOND LIEUT.	DE PLEDGE J. A.
	DUNNETT C. J.
	EAST J.



The death of Jabez East was reported on 2 November 1917 in the Herts & Cambs Reporter:

“Private Jabez East of the Cambs Regiment, second son of Mr and Mrs Thomas East of North Road, Meldreth was killed in action in France on July 31st 1917. Pte East, who was 25 years of age prior to his joining the army in April 1916, had been employed since leaving school by Mr CW Farnham, a Meldreth corn merchant. He was in training at Halton camp, Tring and was sent out to France in July 1916. In the following October he was invalided home with septic poisoning in the face and was in hospital in Scotland. After recovering and 10 days leave he was sent out to France again on March 14th 1917. He was a married man and leaves a widow and a little baby.”

Jabez EAST's family in Meldreth in 1911:

1	Thomas George East	Head	53		Married	40												Cement Digger 472
2	Elizabeth Ann East	Wife		44		24	5	10	1									
3	Alfred Thomas East	Son	23		Single													Cement Labourer 472
4	Jabez East	Son	12		Single													Labourer 1142
5	Frank East	Son	12															
6	Edwina Grace East	Daughter		10														

Jabez had married Elsie Jackson in 1916. Their daughter Elsie K EAST did not marry; in the 1939 census daughter Elsie is a cook in a household in Utttoxeter; she died in 1973 in the Derby area.

Ray Ellis' wider EAST family has been featured several times in Points East, including the branches in Australia and Utah USA. Ray, through his membership of the society, has had continuing contact with family members in these overseas branches. Members of both branches have made visits to the picturesque village of Meldreth where Jabez EAST is commemorated on the village war memorial. Ray lives in the adjacent village of Melbourne.

Visit to Meldreth of Jenny Roberts from the Australian branch of the Meldreth EAST family. Ray Ellis and his mother Helena EAST are on the right:



V.A. EAST

by Caroline Foster

While researching the men who died in WW1 for Rase Heritage Society, I found this gravestone for Victor Albert EAST, Sergeant Pilot 1135237 RAF Volunteer Reserve 1942.

Victor Albert EAST was born in Serpentine Street, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire on 30th November 1919, to his Father Joseph EAST and his Mother Annie Ethel Irene FIELDSEND known as Irene or Renee. They had married in the Autumn 1919.

Joseph is a horseman on farm, he had been a Corporal in Royal Army Service Corps, Motor Transport.

Victor and a second pilot P/O M.R.J HEATH were killed in a flying accident on 4th June 1942.

The plane a Tiger Moth (T6532) of 5 Flying Instructors' School, Perth, Scotland, stalled and crashed at Burnfoot Farm, Newtyle, Angus.

As the time of his death, his mother was living in Middle Rasen, Lincolnshire and so Victor was buried in St Peter and St Paul graveyard with full military honours. The local newspaper Market Rasen Mail reported on 13th June his death, including a Photograph.

In her booklet 'Let us sleep now... part two' Rosalind Boyce has researched the men on the town War Memorial who died during WW11 and has spoken to family members. They have different memories to the information in the newspaper report. So I have included both.

13th June 1942 newspaper Report on the death of Sergeant VA EAST

News of the death in an accident of Sergt Pilot Victor Albert East of North Owersby, member of a family which is very well known throughout the Rasen district, came as a great shock to his friends. In just over a year Victor had advanced in grade from A.C 2 to three stripes and his wings. His ambition to become a night fighter pilot seemed on the verge of realisation.



He had everything which made for success- nerve, dash, initiative. Then, unfortunately, he was involved in an accident on a home station when his training was over and he was on the point of being posted for operational duties.

Educated at North Owersby and De Aston School, Market Rasen, Victor joined the RAF just as soon as he was able. He volunteered for flying duties and rapidly advanced in technical knowledge. Soon after America came into the war he was with the British group in Arizona and on returning to this country he was for a time engaged in instructional work. He was only 22 and about three weeks ago he was home on leave and saw many of his friends in Market Rasen.

The report continues

The body was taken to the old family home in Middle Rasen for interment and an impressive service was conducted at the Parish Church by the Vicar, the Rev A R Stobbs. Many RAF comrades were present and the service paid the last tribute to this promising young pilot by firing of a volley over the grave and the sounding of the Last Post.

Many mourners including his mother Mrs EAST, his sister Miss Joane EAST, uncle, aunties and cousins.

The CEGC website records both Victor's parents as living at Reepham, but Joseph EAST had died at some time previously and relatives do not have any recollection of the family being there. In the 1939 register Irene EAST is listed as residing at The Hall, Owersby. Later she moved to Middle Rasen.

Family members also stated they thought that Victor was born in Dear Street and not Serpentine Street. Also they thought he went to the local Church of England school in Market Rasen.

His sister is listed as Joane EAST in the paper, but the only sister found so far was Ethel M EAST born 1925.

V.A.EAST is recorded on the Market Rasen Town War Memorial and Middle Rasen War Memorial.

A.V.EAST is also recorded on De Aston School War Memorial is it Victor?

References

Let us sleep by R Boyce

Market Rasen Mail June 1942

Rase Heritage Society

Photograph from Market Rasen Mail, and Caroline Foster

EAST ANCESTORS IN THE POLICE FORCE

by David East

My searching of ancestral trails has shown a few examples of employment which were not agricultural workers one of these is Police Constable.

I discovered that two brothers of my great great uncle William East had a career in the Police Force so I search for more details.

William East, born 1813 in Marcham was married twice and with his second wife Fanny (née Smith) had 11 children, the two brothers of particular interest are Francis (aka Frank) born 7 May 1873 and Reuben born 12 June 1876. In the 1881 census the family were living in Sunningwell village and in the 1891 census both brothers were still at home working as ag. labs.

On the 10th Nov 1897 Francis East married at St Mary's Church, Upton, Berkshire to Maria Amy Greenough, born July 1874, daughter of Elijah and Martha Greenough.

The 1901 census shows living at 21 School Lane, Wargrave, Berkshire

Francis East 27 b. Sunningwell Police Constable

Maria Amy East 26 b. Upton

William East 2 b. Wargrave

The Berkshire Electoral Register shows in 1905 Francis East living at the Police House, Wargrave and by 1910 he had been moved to the Police Station at Twyford.

The 1911 census shows living at the Police Station, High St, Lambourn

Francis East 36 Police Sgt

Maria Amy East 36

William East 12 b.Wargrave

Edith Amy East 9 b.Wargrave

Francis John East 6 b. Wargrave

Spencer East 5 b. Wargrave (Named in memory of his Uncle Spencer Allingham)

Henry Thomas Pocock 23 Boarder, Police Constable

The next positive trace for Francis and Maria is the Berkshire Electoral Register for 1930 and 1935 with an address of 1 Diligent Place, Shurlock Row (3 miles E.S.E. of Twyford)

The 1939 Register shows their address as Diligent Place, Shurlock Row with

Francis East b.7 May 1873 Police Officer Rtd

Maria Amy East b.12 July 1874

Francis William East b.11 Dec 1924 Electrician (Grandson)

The Electoral Register entries for 1945 and 1950 show Francis and Maria living at 1 Diligent Place, Shurlock Row.

Francis of 1 Diligent Place died 25th May 1954 at St Mark's Hospital Maidenhead. Probate was granted to Spencer East aviation clerk, value £2006-11s-2d.

The Electoral Registers for 1955 and 1960 show Maria living at Diligent Place. Maria died Dec 1971 at Reading.

As is often the case sons follow fathers into similar employment and Francis John East born 13th April 1904 son of Francis and Maria joined the Berkshire Police Force. The Electoral Register shows in 1925 Francis East resident at the Police House at Speenhamland Backway Newbury.

In Dec 1926 in the Newbury district Francis John East married Edith Armstrong, b.17th April 1907. In the 1911 census she was living in Ivy Cottage Shaw Newbury.

The Berkshire Electoral Register shows Francis John East and Edith living at 46 Salcombe Road, Newbury in 1930. By 1935 they were at Speenhamland Backway Police Station (now called Pelican Lane).

The 1939 Register shows them living at 73 Gypsy Lane, Wokingham with Francis J East now a Police Sergeant.

Francis John East died Dec 1944 aged 40. By 1960 his widow Edith had moved to Maidenhead and was living with her son Kenneth John East. (b. Q3 1931 Newbury).

Now looking at the life of Reuben - by 1900 he had joined the Berkshire Police Force and on 11th August 1900 at St Peter's Church, Croydon he married Elizabeth Bashford. The marriage certificate reads

Reuben East 23 Police Constable born Sunningwell, father William East, Butcher (decd)

Elizabeth Bashford 30 of 9 Brighton Road, Croydon, father John Basford, lab. (decd)

Witnesses were Henry James Bashford and Emma Bashford.

The 1901 census shows living at Police Station, Clewer, Windsor

Reuben East 25 b. 12 June 1876 Sunningwell, Police Constable

Bessie (aka Elizabeth) East 26 b.10 Dec 1868 Croydon

Theophilus Parten 24 boarder, Police Constable b. Reading

The Berkshire Electoral Register shows Reuben East residing at Horn Lane Cholsey in 1905 and 1910.

The 1911 census shows living at West View Villas, Cold Ash nr Newbury
Reuben East 34 Police Constable
Elizabeth East 40
Bessie Mary East 9 b. Twyford
Caroline Ellen East 7 b. Cholsey
Frederick John East 5 b. Cholsey
Edward Douglas East 1 b. Cholsey

The Berkshire Electoral Register shows Reuben and Elizabeth resident at Windy Ridge, Cold Ash, Newbury from 1915 to 1950.

The 1939 Register shows living at Windy Ridge, Newbury
Reuben East 63 Police Constable (rtd) ARP Warden
Elizabeth East 71

Elizabeth East died Mar 1953 at Newbury.

Reuben East of the Cottage, Sunny Side, High St, Stockbridge died 14th Oct 1962 in Hospital Andover. Probate value £1660-11s-2d was granted to Edward Douglas East. (b. 23 May 1909).

Compiled 27 Feb 2018

Spot the Clocks 2 *by Angela Waterfall*

The Clockmakers' Museum has moved to the Science Museum. It charts the history of clock manufacture in London from the Inception of the Clock maker's Guild in 1631 to the present day. There are several examples of Edward East's work and a watch thought to be made by his grandson, also Edward East. There is also a clock in Queen's College, Cambridge which is labelled as being donated by Edward East in 1664. It is supposed that Edward may have given the clock to the college as payment for rent charges on "The Swan with Two necks", a coaching inn in London which Edward East owned.

Has anyone else come across examples of East Clocks?

(See 'Next Time ...' on page 27)

Women at War

by Angela Waterfall, Research Manager

As we get nearer to the end of the centenary celebrations of World War One, it has become increasingly easy to find websites dedicated to honouring the brave men and women who fought to ensure our freedom and democracy.

In past issues of Points East, we have included information about the soldiers who died during WW1, or who were commended for their bravery.

We have had fewer articles about the role of women. So, I would like to tell you something about my grandfather's first cousin, Gertrude East. Gertrude was the only daughter of Francis East, a furniture manufacturer in Dundee, Scotland.

My husband had taken out a subscription to the British Newspaper Archives and, while searching for information about the Easts of Dundee and about chairmaking, came across an article on Gertrude in the Dundee Evening Telegraph of April 1937.

The final paragraph of the article said:

“As a V.A.D., Miss East spent six months at headquarters in Devonshire House before going out to France. She was amongst a party of nurses who had to flee from the fighting area of St. Omer in 1918, their detachment being situated right in the battle area. Her work in France continued for a year after the armistice.”

What was a V.A.D. and what was Gertrude doing? Where was Devonshire House and why was the work important?

According to a website called Scarlet Finders (www.Scarletfinders.co.uk), V.A.D.s were Voluntary Aid Detachments, set up after the Boer War to supplement medical and nursing services but cooperation between voluntary agencies and the Army. At the start of World War One there were 1757 female detachments registered with the War Office.

Each detachment consisted of a Commandant, a medical officer, a quartermaster and 22 women, two of whom were to be trained nurses. Pre-war, the detachments were entirely voluntary, but each detachment had to meet monthly and the women had to gain certificates in Home Nursing and First Aid.

The British Red Cross hold information about volunteers who worked during WW1 (www.vad.redcross.org.uk) and, therefore, I could search for Gertrude's contribution.

From October 1914 to April 1917, she was the quartermaster at Lochee Red Cross Auxiliary Hospital, Dundee. Then she moved to Devonshire House,

London, until November 1917 when she joined the 74 General Hospital in St. Omer, France. In April 1918, she had to be evacuated from the battle front, but her service records show that she remained in Trouville, France until the end of the war. From 1917, she had a paid position of 32 shillings and sixpence per week.

I know little about Gertrude's early life but she must have been an educated woman because she held a senior administrative position, first in Dundee and later at Devonshire House (the headquarters of the Joint War Committee of the Red Cross and the Order of St. John).

Before the war, Gertrude was well-known in Scotland as a talented sportswoman. In 1908, she entered the Scottish Tennis Championships and she was also an international hockey player.

After the war, she continued to contribute to the sports world and she wrote articles for the Dundee Courier. She not only wrote about sport but also about aspects of the French Riviera to which she was a frequent visitor.

In 1922, she visited America as a hockey coach. This visit was reported in the Dundee Courier in December 1922, in which she expressed concerns that the Americans might win a contest against the girls in Dundee during a tour on 1923. This was despite her opinion that:

“American girls are not as fast or smart as British girls, the reason being that they do not take enough exercise.”



Photo extracted from the Dundee Courier (14 Nov 1934)

Gertrude started an annual hockey camp at Ballater in 1923. This continued for many years, as evidenced by a letter in the Scotsman on August 2nd 1945:

“Miss East’s experience as a V.A.D in France in the last war has well equipped her for this venture and an air of efficient yet kindly discipline pervades the camp.”

Gertrude died in 1957. Unfortunately, I could not find an obituary for her. She had contributed much to the war effort and continued to use her skills to improve women’s sport.

(see over for Gertrude’s family tree...)

The Founders’ Award

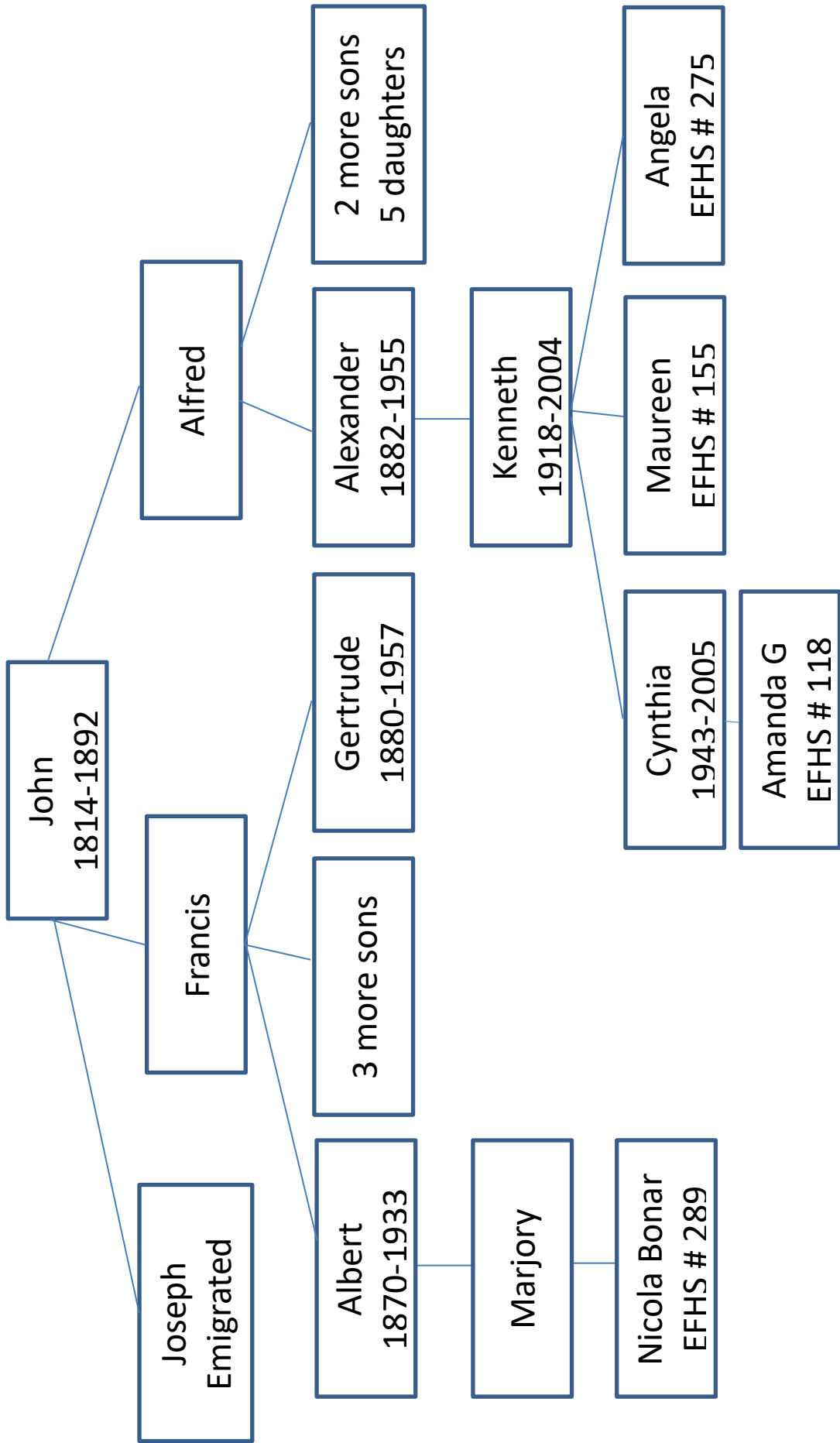
A prize of £50 will be awarded annually to the member of the EastFHS who submits the most interesting article for publishing in the Points East journal

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
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In memory of John and Andrée East

**The Family Tree of Gertrude East -
Part of Monks Risborough Family**



Wills – Talk to East FHS, October 2017

by Ken Pearce

(Pam's talk to follow in the next issue...)

In the book of Genesis, in the Old Testament, there is an event when the aged patriarch Jacob is asked to give his blessing to one of his two grandsons, Manasseh and Ephraim. It is expected that he will bless the older of the two, but instead his hand rested on the head of the younger, thus making his intentions clear.

Across many centuries, then, people have wanted the choice to decide what should happen to their titles, their property or their possessions after their decease.

Wills were known in ancient Greece and Rome, Julius Caesar made a Will making Octavian his heir.

In this country Wills became common among the wealthy classes after the conquest of 1066. They were all in Latin, and usually written by the clergy, who were the educated section of society. Hence the custom, or obligation, in early Wills to donate to the church.

A good example is the Will of Alice Yonge of Uxbridge dated 1404.

“In the name of God, Amen. In the year of our Lord one thousand four hundred and four on the first day of the month of September, I Alice Yonge wife of the late William Yonge of Uxbridge, of good memory and sound mind, do make my testament in this manner: First I bequeath my soul to God Almighty, the blessed Virgin Mary, and all the saints, and my body to the church to be buried in the churchyard of St John the Baptist at Hillyngdon in the diocese of London. Item: I bequeath one red cloth woven with white swans to the Chapel of Uxbridge to be carried over the host in procession, and one torch to be carried before the host at the visitation of the sick, price 5s. Item: I bequeath to the parish church of Hillyngdon one chest for keeping books, and to the bells there 3s 4d. Item: I bequeath for repairing the bridge next the mill 3s 4d. Item: I bequeath three wax candles to be burnt, one before the image of St John the Baptist at Hillyngdon, and one before the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Uxbridge, and the third before the image of St Katherine at Uxbridge, price 9d.

The residue of all the goods I commit to the disposal of the vicar of Hillyngdon, whom I appoint and make my executor. Executed in the year of our Lord on the day and month at Uxbridge aforesaid.”

And then probate

“This testament was proved before us presiding, and enrolled on the Ides of October in the year of our Lord 1404, entered and for the same by us lawfully pronounced. And administration of the goods included in the same testament being within the jurisdiction of London is granted to the executor named within the said testament.”

For almost six hundred years the estate where we find ourselves today belonged to the bishops of Worcester. They had a property here, and used to stay on their way to and from London. Hence the name Bishopshalt.

A Will exists made by the bishop's steward, who was probably in charge of managing this property.

“In the name of God, Amen. The twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord 1431, I Elias Davy being sound in mind and of sane memory, make my testament in this manner:

First I leave my soul to Almighty God, the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints; and my body to be buried in the parish church of St John the Baptist at Hillingdon.

I leave to the fabric of the church aforesaid 6s.8d. To the altar of the said church 3s.4d. To John Riche my striped gown. To Elene the wife of the said John 6s.8d. For distribution among the gentlemen, yeomen and servants of the hospice of my lord, by the grace of God bishop of Worcester, 15s. To Katherine my mother, at Bala in Wales, five marks. To Thomas Ferbrigges 6s.8d. To his wife 6s.8d. I leave to one chaplain to celebrate for my soul, and for the souls of all the faithful departed in the aforesaid church nine marks. The residue of my goods not bequeathed I give to Sir John Cutrede of the church aforesaid, and to Hugh Hall my kinsman, and I make them executors of my testament dated the day and year above said.”

And probate....

The testament was proved before Stephen German, commissar, and others on the nones of May in the year of the Lord above said, and administration was granted to the executors named.

(Nones – the ninth day of the month. 3s.4d. – one sixth of a £. 6s8d. was one third of a pound. One mark was 13s.4d. – two-thirds of a £.)

(A chantry had been established here. A sum of money had been donated to pay for a priest to pray daily in the church for the souls of the departed of Hillingdon. Before the Reformation there was a strong conviction that prayers for the dead

would assist their journey through the next life. Chantries were abolished by Henry VIII).

The reformation brought one major change – Wills were no longer written in Latin, but in English.

Another change came with the 1540 Statute of Wills. Prior to this freehold land had been inherited within a family, by descent. Now land could be bequeathed by a Will, ie, to anyone the testator chose.

Throughout history many wills have been made on the deathbed. People put off making a Will until the last moment. It therefore happens that sometimes the testator is unable to sign their own Will. Their last wishes have to be verified by witnesses, and in the past it was usually a local official of some sort, eg, a manorial officer. Such Wills are known as nuncupative.

I've come across a particularly interesting and unusual Will of this sort in Uxbridge dating from 1609 – after plague had broken out in London.

“Memorandum that on Sunday the 7th of May or thereabouts 1609 Joane Robinson late wife of Thomas Robinson of Uxbridge in the countie of Middlesex deceased, being sicke of the plague but of good and perfect memory, did make and declare her last will nuncupative in manner and forme following viz:

She looked out of the window of her house in Uxbridge, and said unto Agnes Giles wife of William Giles dwelling in Fleete Lane, London, she being then in the streete in Uxbridge thus or so in effect viz.

Heere, Nan, I give unto you all that I have, and then threw out her keys unto the said Agnes and said. Looke unto it, it is all thine, saving I give unto Besse Cripps my husbands cozin halfe a dozen of napkins, a pair of sheetes and a tablecloth, and to her father I give my husbands best sute of apparel, and to my husbands sister I give my gowne a hatt and a smock, and to my maide Isabel I give my silk peticote, and some of my workaday clothes besides.

Then being present in the said streete and hearing the premises were William Day and Elizabeth Day his wife, John Kirton, Julien Tanner and many others.”

Clearly nobody wanted to go near this poor soul and catch the plague, so her verbal wishes were accepted.

“Heere Nan I give you all that I have.” She was presumably bequeathing her house and contents, with the exception of the items mentioned.

But what would have been the contents of a house in those days? I read next part of the inventory of a property in Uxbridge in 1684.

“In the chamber over the hall: 1 flock bed, 1 feather bolster, 1 rug, 1 blanket mat, 2 cord curtains, 2 valances, 3 joynd chests, 1 bedstead, 1 trundle bed, 2 bedsteads, a flockbed, 2 bolsters, 1 chest of drawers, 3 feather pillows, 1 chair, a warming pan, 1 pair of andirons, a pair of fire irons, 5 shovels, 2 tongs, a gridiron, 7 porringers, 1 pewter chamberpot, 6 small pewter dishes, 1 candlestick, a tankard, 6 brooms, 6 fawrers, 2 salts, 6 pr of sheets, 8 napkins, a table cloth, 2 pars of pillowcases, 2 other linen. £1.15s8d.

In the kitchen: 1 furnace, a mash grate, 1 little table, 2 chairs, 1 cupboard, 3 kettles, 2 brass pots, 1 skillet, a covered pan, 1 settle, 5 pewter flagons, 2 pint pots, 2 pot hangers, 1 fire shovel, 2 tongs, a pair of andirons, 2 skillets, other lumber. £2.3s.4d.

In the buttery: Beer tubs, brewing vessel, 2 bottles and other lumber. £1.6s.8d.

In the yard: 4 stove pigs, 3 wood. £1.6s.8d.

In a granary: a peck of malt. £1.13s.4d.

In the room by the yard: 1 little malt mill, 2 coales. £0.13s.4d.”

This gives some idea of what might be included in a Will of that period.

Those Wills which have unusual requests are of course of great interest. The Norton family were very prominent in the commercial life of Uxbridge in the 18th and 19th centuries – in banking, timber and property. (Pam and I live in Norton Road.)

Daniel Norton was an eccentric bachelor. Here is part of his Will:

“I desire my body to be buried in Uxbridge church as near the remains of my father as possibly may be, and that the funeral may be performed in the most private manner at midnight, and that the pall be supported by the six persons, my executors hereafter named:

Richard Peel, fellmonger
Samuel Jacques, apothecary
James Scott, draper
John Jones, hemp dresser
Jabez Goldar the younger, gentleman
John Mercer, the younger, miller.”

He left no money to his Norton relations in Uxbridge, but among his bequests was £100 to Miss Jane Biddle at the Kings Arms, Holborn. I draw no conclusions.

The major change for Wills came in 1858, when the state took over from the church. Before that date Wills in the south of England were proved at the Consistory Court of Canterbury. Now the government was setting up a Probate Registry.

(Note that the state had already taken over the registration of births, marriages and deaths from the church in 1837, although the church continued to maintain their registers.)

For many decades Wills were stored at Somerset House, but sometime ago the registry moved to a building near St Paul's Cathedral. That is now closed, but you can now search online. Some record offices and libraries do have copies of Wills.

Finally, a Will that leaves you wondering.

In 1986 I received a letter from a lady in Worthing asking about the Will of a great great uncle who lived in Hammersmith, and was described as 'gentleman'. He seemed to say that the upkeep of a family vault in Uxbridge Cemetery was more important than other legacies.

"I give and devise unto my niece Lucy Harriet Dowson of Uxbridge, spinster, my freehold vault and appurtenances thereto belonging in Uxbridge Cemetery, upon condition that she keep the same in a decent and proper state of repair." He went on to leave his executors the sum of £80 to invest, so the annual interest could be given to his niece, to repair and beautify the said vault.

I probed around a bit, and found that at the time the Will was made his niece was pregnant, although not married. In due time she gave birth to a daughter. Was her uncle making sure that she was provided for in her unmarried state? Or even, was he the father of the child? We shall never know.

What of Wills today?

The basic rules have not changed since 1839. A person must be 18 years of age, must have signed and dated the Will, must have appointed an executor of executors, and had at least two witnesses to the signature.

Recently the Law Commission has challenged these ground rules. Should the age be lowered to 16? Should Wills in the form of e-mails or voicemail messages be permitted? Would vulnerable people, especially the elderly, be pressed into making hasty changes without considered thought? Consultation ends on November 9th.

Today most Wills are printed in some form, but of course hand-written Wills are still legal if the correct procedure takes place. Many people turn to a solicitor for assistance, and I expect that you have been contacted by Will-writing firms who offer advice – for a fee.

The newspapers often contain stories of Wills that are contested. You know the old saying – “Where there’s a Will there’s an argument.”

The value of Wills for us family history researchers cannot be underestimated. Entries in registers and certificates may give us basic facts of a person’s life, but a Will listing their wealth and possessions gets us closer to our ancestors and their way of life than many other records.

Q. I’ve heard that Wills can be useful; how do I go about using them?

A. The Probate Service has closed the London office where members of the public used to find and order wills proved from 1858 onwards. If you want to find a will that was proved from 1858 to the present day you can search online at **www.gov.uk/search-will-probate**. Included are the records of some soldiers who died in active military service between 1860 and 1982. The older indexes broadly from 1858 to 1940 have been deposited at several record offices and libraries. Original wills have likewise been deposited. Some of the indexes have been made available online by commercial organisations.

Q. What if my ancestor died prior to 1858; how do I go about finding out if a will exists?

A. Before 1858 there was no national probate registry and research is more complicated as a result. Church Courts administered the system from the 14th century until 1858. A considerable number of indexes are online and available from commercial organisations enabling you to obtain copies of the documents from appropriate record offices. During the Commonwealth period in the 17th century practically all were proved in London and are now held at The National Archives (TNA). These wills and those proved at the Prerogative Court of Canterbury are available to download for a fee on **discovery.nationalarchives.gov.uk** and at **www.ancestry.co.uk**.

A Snippet – from Angela Waterfall

I went to London on Monday and found a mention of an “East”. A William East was church warden of St. Stephens, Walbrook (City of London) in 1692 - will I be able to find out more?

Brigadier General Lionel East CMG DSO *by Lionel East*

(Lionel responded to my earlier request for further details on the Brigadier – he wrote this article in 2006 which was partly reproduced in Points East Issue 35 (Spring 2010) but the fuller account of the Brigadier's East ancestors has been included here; particularly apt as the Brigadier died 100 years ago this week.)

After watching Ian Hislop's excellent TV series *The Lost Generation* I decided to download all the Easts listed on the Channel 4 website of WW1 memorials. I was surprised to find an L W P East commemorated on the War Memorial in Alexandra Gardens, Penarth, which is only about 200 yards from my grandparents' house. The Commonwealth War Graves website gives extensive information about him starting with the fact that his first name was Lionel. I had never heard of this Lionel East: did my father know of him? Was I named after him? Are we related? Why is his memorial in Penarth?

Brig. Gen. Lionel William Pellew East (1866-1918)^{1 2}

Brig. Gen. Lionel East was killed in action on 6th September 1918 and is buried in the Lapugnoy Military Cemetery near Pas de Calais. At the time of his death he was the General Officer Commanding the Heavy Artillery, XIII Corps. The Commonwealth War Graves website also states that he was the son of Rear Admiral J W East and Ruth Cunningham, his wife, and the husband of Margaret Reith Stephen East of 14 Amherst Avenue, Ealing, London. His age is given as 52 and he had been awarded the CMG and the DSO.

Lionel's death is commemorated on 3 War memorials. He is commemorated at the Army Staff College, Camberley, where his rank is given as Brigadier General, on the Ealing Memorial Gates, near where his wife was living at the time of his death and, for no apparent reason, in Penarth.

Lionel is listed in *Who was Who, 1916-1928* and his entry reads as follows:

EAST, Col^B Lionel William Pellew, CMG 1916; DSO 1895; RA; General Staff Officer 2nd Grade West since 1909; b. 27 July 1866; m.1897; one s. Educ.: RMA Woolwich. Entered RA 1885; Captain, 1896; served Hazara and 2nd Miranzai expeditions, 1891 (despatches); NE Frontier, Assam, 1894 (severely wounded, DSO); European War, 1914-18 (CMG, Bt. Col.). Address: Cox & Co., 16 Charing Cross SW1. (Died 6 Sept.1918)

¹ Birth certificate: GRO 1866Q3 Weymouth 5a 305. Marriage certificate not found. Death certificate: GRO Overseas. Index to War Deaths 1914-1921. Army Officers. HGA 1918 Vol. 0.20 Page 2.

² His medal card in the National Archives (Cat. Ref. WO 372/6) shows that he served as a Lt. Col. in the Royal Garrison Artillery and as a Brig. Gen. in the Royal Artillery. It also refers to various documents which are filed in 1.V.2051.W.14-1-22 & NW/5/15637.

³ In common with most officer casualties in WW1 the rank given on his death certificate is prefaced by the letter T, standing for Temporary. Losses were so great and promotion so rapid that there was insufficient time to authorise substantive promotion. His substantive rank was therefore Colonel.

Lionel was born on 27th July 1866 and his birth is registered in Weymouth. He has not been found in either the 1881 or 1901 census returns.

Rear Admiral James Wylie East (1829-1893)⁴

The Times Naval Archives give extensive information about Adm. James and is summarised as follows :

James served as a midshipman on the Raleigh and Hydra. On 20th November 1849 he passed his examinations in the science of navigation and was promoted to Lieutenant. He was posted to the screw steam ship Hogan in 1854 and was promoted to Commander in 1864. On 8th February 1865 he became an inspector of ships for the coastguard and was posted to Malta in July 1870 where he was commander of a gunboat in 1871. He was promoted to Captain in 1872 and took command of the Flora. He then captained various gunboats and in 1879 he took command of a screw corvette. He was posted to Singapore in 1882, to San Francisco in 1883 and from there to Coquimbo, Chile, before returning to Plymouth in 1884. He died in Weymouth in 1893 at the age of 63 and it is not known when he became a Rear Admiral or what he did after his return to Plymouth.

At the time of the 1861 census return James was a Senior Lieutenant serving on the Caser. He was married, aged 31 and his place of birth is given as Croscombe, near Wells, Somerset. In 1881 he was serving on HMS Comus and his family were living at 8 Hanover Terrace, Radipole, Weymouth. His son Lionel is not listed as he was presumably overseas. His wife Ruth was aged 46 (ie. b 1834/5) and she was born in Ireland. Their eldest daughter Ruth (b 1854/5) was also born in Ireland and it is possible that James and Ruth were married in Ireland as no reference to their marriage certificate has been found in the registers for England and Wales. They had 5 more daughters: Effie F born 1862/3 in Plymouth; Alice Lyon born 1864/5 in Southsea; and Mary K (1868), Winifred K (1871) and Evelyn H R (1874) who were all born in Weymouth⁵. It appears that the family spent time in Ireland, Plymouth, Southsea and Weymouth. In 1901 his widowed wife Ruth was still living in Weymouth and her unmarried daughters Winifred and Evelyn were living in Dorchester. Ruth died in 1916 at the age of 81 when she was living in Long Ashton near Bristol⁶.

John East (1793-1859)⁷

James was born on 21st October 1829 and baptised on 5th October 1830 in Croscombe. His parents were John and Ann East and his father was also the Rector. John and Ann had 2 further children baptised in Croscombe, Theophilus Josiah (bp.27 January 1832) and Frances Mary (bp. 3 July 1834) who was born at

⁴ Marriage certificate not found. Death certificate: GRO 1893Q2 Weymouth 5a 193 age 63.

⁵ Mary Kathleen GRO 1868Q3 Weymouth 5a 315: Winifred Katherine GRO 1871Q4 Weymouth 5a 309: Evelyn Hester R GRO 1874Q2 Weymouth 5a 324.

⁶ Death GRO 1916Q1 Long Ashton 5c 839 age 81.

⁷ All information about John East was supplied by Theresa Howarth, Somerset Record Office, on 19/01/06.

Weston near Bath⁸ on 30th January 1834. ‘*The Clerical Guide*’ for 1836 lists John as the incumbent of Croscombe Parish and gives his patron as Elizabeth Wylie. His relationship with Elizabeth Wylie is not known, but she is clearly the source of James’ second name.

The 1851 census return shows that the family were then living at 9 Belmont, Walcot, St. Swithins, Bath, and John was the Rector of St Michael’s Church, Bath. The census also shows that Ann’s full name was Mary Ann and that both she and John were born in St. Martin Parish, Westminster. It can be deduced from their ages that John was born in 1793/4 and Mary Ann in 1797/8. They had 2 further children, Mary Ann J. aged 12 born in Weston and Caroline J. B. aged 9 born in Bath.

Both John and his second son Theophilus went to Oxford⁹ and Theophilus went on to Cambridge¹⁰. John’s entry reads:

John East son of William of St Martin’s Westminster, gent. St Edmund Hall, matriculated¹¹ 31 Oct 1811, aged 18; BA 1816, MA 1819, curate of St. Michael’s Bath.

Theophilus’ Oxford entry reads:

Theophilus Josiah East second son of John, of Croscombe, Somerset, cleric. Corpus Christi College, matriculated 6 December 1849, aged 17.

It appears he did not get a degree at Oxford, which probably explains why he also went to Cambridge. His Cambridge entry reads:

Theophilus Josiah East. Adm. pens.(?) age 22 at Trinity, 15 February 1854. Had matriculated from Corpus Christi College, Oxford, 6 December 1849. Second son of John, clerk, of Bath. Born 6 January 1832 at Croscombe, Somerset. Schools Cheltenham College (left. 1832?) and Bath Grammar (Mr Pears). Matriculated Michaelmas term 1854; BA 1859.

John East was baptised on 28 July 1793 at St Martin in the Fields, Westminster¹². His parents were William (1) and Ann East. He died in 1859 in Bath¹³.

William (1) East(e) (b 1763)

William (1) was baptised on 13th September 1763 in St Martin in the Fields and his parents were William (2) and Phillis Easte. John’s Oxford entry above

⁸ Not Weston-super-mare.

⁹ *Alumni Oronienes*. The Members of the University of Oxford 1715-1886 by Joseph Foster. 1968.

¹⁰ *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. Part II from 1752-1900, Volume II C-F. by J A Venn. 1944.

¹¹ Matriculation is when a person joins the college not when they leave it.

¹² IGI.

¹³ GRO Death 1859Q4 Bath 5c 478.

states that his father was a Gentleman. William (1) married Ann Rippen in the same parish on 23rd September 1792. The IGI shows that there were several families of Easts (spelt East, Easte & Est) living in St Martin in the Fields during the 17th & 18th centuries.

The following is the probable male ancestry of William (1).

William (2) Easte (b 1736)

William (2) was baptised on 30 June 1836 in St. Martin in the Fields and his parents were William (3) and Frances East.

William (3) Michael Este (b1708)

William (3) was baptised on 6 March 1708 in St. Martin in the Fields and his parents were William (4) and Margaret East. Nothing is known about William (4).

Conclusions

It is most unlikely that Brig. Gen. Lionel East is related to me. He is descended from a wealthy and well educated family who lived in St. Martin in the Fields, London, as early as 1700. At this time my ancestors were living in Kentisbeare, Devon, and were agricultural labourers. Both the geographical separation and social difference between the families seem so great that it is most unlikely that they had a common ancestry. Furthermore, even if they did have a common ancestry, it would be in the 17th century or earlier which is much too early for my grandparents, who lived at the time of the First World War, to know anything about it. No connection between Brig. Gen. Lionel East and Penarth has been found and so his name on the Penarth War Memorial remains a mystery.

I have been in correspondence with Mr. Marcus Payne¹⁴, Senior Librarian at Penarth Library. He confirms that Brig. Gen. Lionel East is listed on the Penarth War Memorial and he too has found no connection between the general and Penarth. Mr Payne has extensively researched the War Memorial and compiled a file on 'Penarth Area War Dead Biographies'. He has checked both the 'Penarth Times' and the 'Barry Dock News' and found no mention of the general. He has also found no mention of the general having relatives in Penarth, or having lived or being educated in Penarth, or being a member of local clubs or institutions.

Brig. Gen. Lionel East's name on the Penarth War Memorial remains a mystery and it is almost certain that I am not related to him. However it is possible that I am named after him as there is evidence that my grandmother was something of a 'social climber'. On her marriage certificate in 1899 she described her deceased father as a 'Bailiff', but I have found no evidence of this. My father's name, Gilbert, had never before been used in the family and he could well be named after Sir Gilbert Augustus Clayton-East, Bart, of Hall Place Berks,

¹⁴ Letter dated 20th February 2006.

who was certainly no relative of ours. His second name, Fitzroy, is also a bit grand and I don't know where it came from. I could therefore be named after Brig. Gen. Lionel East and it is just possible, I suppose, that my grandparents were instrumental in having his name put on the War Memorial, though I would have expected that they would have had to provide evidence of some connection between him and Penarth.

24th February 2006.

[Addendum by Lionel: *"I have not done more research, but if you want more of the support data let me know. There is now much more data available on the web than was available in 2006."*]

[Editor: The family tree of LWP East's great-niece, Rosemary Warner, a former member of East FHS, has also been reproduced previously, in Issue 33, Spring 2009. I had asked, in the last issue, whether anyone could add to the tree with additional information found, to bring it up to date. Rosemary herself sent me a letter which I have reproduced here –

"While I was a member of EFHS a few years ago I had a brief correspondence with Lionel East about his namesake who was/is also my Great Uncle, Brigadier General Lionel William Pellew East, killed in action on 6.9.1918. Lionel was wondering why he was named on the Penarth war memorial as he was in the Royal Artillery.

I have now discovered, quite by chance, that he held the appointment of GS02 in the Welsh Division of the Western Command from Sept.1909 to Sept.1913.

However, his nephew, yet another Lionel was in the Welsh Regiment and I suppose he might also be on the Penarth war memorial though his surname was different – James Lionel East Warren. He was killed in October 1915.

Please be kind enough to pass this information on to anyone for whom it may be useful.

Yours very sincerely,

Rosemary Warner

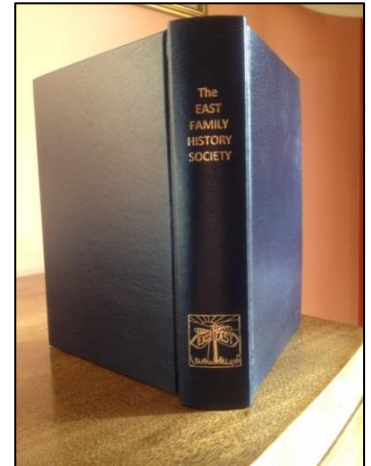
(My paternal Grandmother was LWPE's sister)"

I copied Rosemary's letter to Lionel (East) who replied –

"Thanks for sending me Rosemary Warner's letter which is most interesting ... It shows that there was a connection between her family and Wales, but what the connection was with Penarth is still not clear. More research needed!]

Binders for Points East journals

The blue Cordex binders that Ron managed to purchase 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 Ron 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 Ron (at his address on the inside front cover) but made payable to the 'East Family History Society'.



Larry D. Duke, 'Estes Trails'

I have received the two latest issues of the newsletter of the Estes family called 'Estes Trails', via email, for March '18 and June '18. 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. Larry has recently been in hospital but still has managed to issue his newsletters on time!

The June issue contains a note from a chap called Roger who lived in Deal, Kent, and had an ancestral relative, a retired mariner, who lived at 2 Eastes Court, Lower Street, Deal in 1851. There is another note about the Kent Family History Society (KFHS) which has been copying and transcribing old church records and compose CDs in order to share this information. Copies of the CD may be obtained via <https://www.kfhs.org.uk/store/>. The bulk of the two issues gather research and stories of 'Estes' families in the USA. An item on DNA shows that 8 out of 9 male Estes DNA testers who represent the Kent, England line, descend from Abraham Estes, the Virginia immigrant, born in 1647 in Kent. Abraham died in 1721 in King and Queen County, Virginia, after having 12 children, of which 8 were males and did a fine job of continuing the Estes surname in the US. The ninth tester descends from Robert Estes born in 1555 in Kent whose grandson, Matthew, subsequently established the northern Estes line.

Larry always asks his members to keep a look out for any East family references during their research and to pass them on to him. Could all EFHS members do likewise and pass to me (editor), or another committee member, any Estes (or variants) references that you find.

From Our Archives *by Angela Waterfall*

300 years ago (1718)

Will of John East, Ironmonger

John leaves his estate to his brother, William East, a saddler of Round Court, Strand, London. William was also the executor of the will that was proved on 13th September 1718

200 Years Ago

Will of Jeffrey East of Edmonton

100 Years Ago

Cause of Death from Certificates that EFHS hold

Thomas East, aged 77, died in Marylebone, London on 27th March 1918 from chronic bronchitis, emphysema and senility

Winnifred Fanny East, aged 22, died in Maidenhead on 28th October 1918 from influenza and lobar pneumonia

Our Society is indebted to many people who have contributed information about those people with the surname East. We hold digitised copies of certificates, family trees, wills and newspaper cuttings. If anyone has other information that they would like to contribute, please contact Angela Waterfall, Research Manager.

Next Time in Points East....

Pam Pearce's 2017 AGM presentation on the 'The History of Wills and how to read them' will be included in the next issue, as will an article called 'Sons of New Zealand' from our research manager.

Angela has also passed on to me a copy of 'The Clockmakers of London' by George White F.S.A. George trained as a practical clockmaker and has written extensively on horology. He was appointed Keeper of the Clockmakers' Museum in 1987 & served as Master of the Clockmakers' Company in 2001. The book explains the significance of clock and watchmaking in the advancement of mankind and sets the work and inventions of London makers in that context. The book is illustrated almost exclusively with items from the Company's famous Library and Collection (now housed at The Science Museum, Kensington). I hope to gain permission from the publisher and author to reproduce some of the illustrations pertaining to Edward East.

Please do continue writing your East-related stories, or any other facts about Easts, and send them to me via post or email for future publication.

New Members - We extend a warm welcome to the following new members :

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Existing Members	Updated Emails
215 ~ Mr C Norris	Email: clivenorris63@gmail.com
284 ~ Mrs J Eagle	Email: bglbarry@sky.com
116 ~ Mrs R Hipkin	Email: thehipkins-32@talktalk.net

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 East FHS website, www.eastfhs.org, for details of Local Research Assistants or contact Peter, Pam or June (committee members) for their help with your research.

~ 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 download from the East FHS website.

Find the EAST FHS Website at ‘www.eastfhs.org’

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. Much of it is on computer and all of it is available, on request, to members for their personal use.

- GRO index of all EAST births from 1837 to 2005; marriages from 1837 to 2005 and deaths from 1837 to 2006. The index is regularly updated with new information. The index has been sent by email to all members and will be sent to new members when they join.
- On computer over 18,100 baptism, marriage and burial Parish records. These are taken from actual records, transcripts or indexes. Many are not on the IGI.
- On computer 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. We have paper or digital copies of over 100 EAST wills.
- A growing collection of over 2,800 birth, marriage and death certificates. A note of the certificates held is made on the GRO indexes. A list is available on the website.
- On computer, using 'Family Tree Maker', a large collection of EAST family trees with over 12,000 individuals and more than 135 trees.
- A genealogical index, in book form, of all mentions of the EAST surname from the first 14 issues of Points East, together with a separate index of other surnames. An index on computer of all mentions of the EAST surname in issues 1 to 39 of Points EAST. All the indexes are available on the website
- On computer, Civil registration indexes for EASTs in New Zealand (1840 to 1990) and Western Australia (1841 to 1905)
- An extensive collection of non-digitised information, documents etc contained within 'County' and 'Correspondence' files. This is partially indexed on cards and a computer index of all 'Miscellaneous Data' is continually updated.
- The UK National Burial Index (3rd Edition)

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