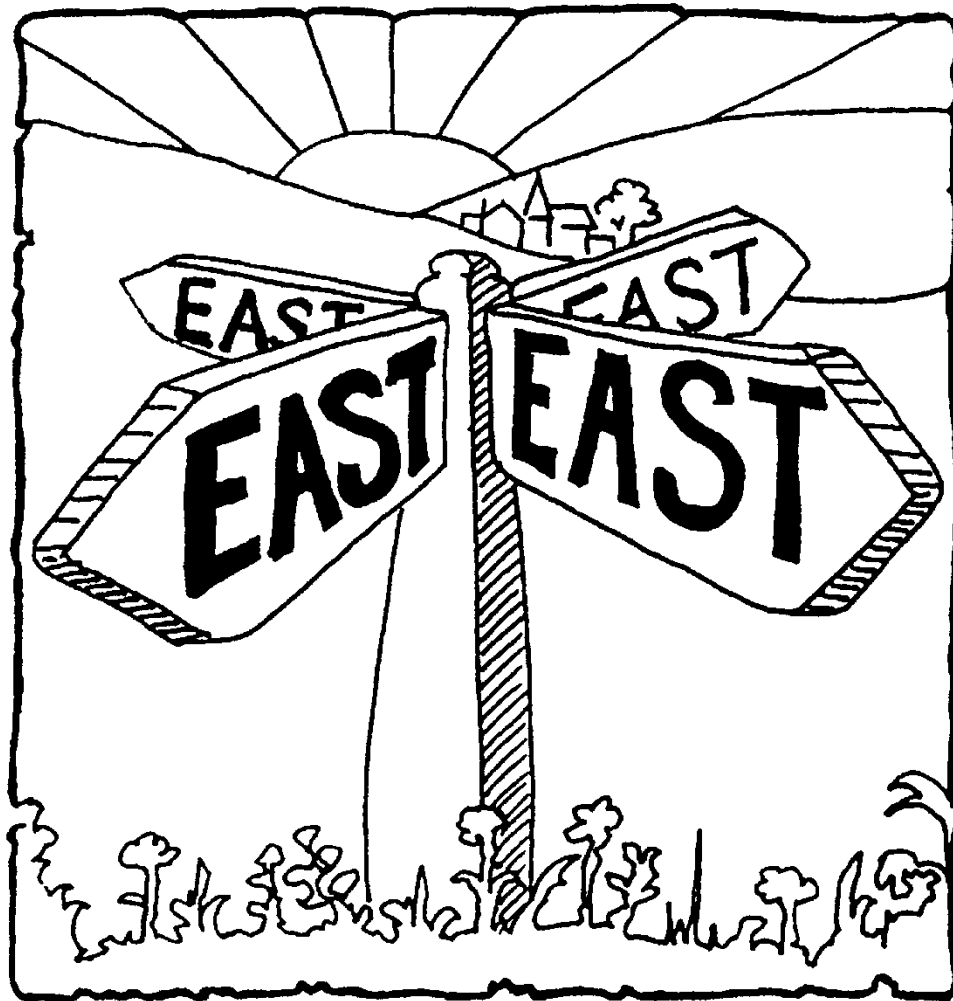


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Chairman's Message – Ros Hipkin

A very Happy New Year to you all.
Our AGM in October, with a tasty meal
& an excellent talk, given by Antony
Marr, entitled “What’s in a name ?”, was
enjoyed by all who attended.

My own research has stalled at the
moment & although David East, from
Australia, was in the UK visiting his
daughter in December, circumstances
prevented us from meeting each other -
hopefully another time. I did however
see my nephew, Brett & his family, who
were also visiting from Australia.

I do hope one of you will offer to take on
the post of Secretary for the society.
After several years of excellent work,
Ron East will be leaving the post at the
next AGM in October.

I wish you all good luck with your own
research. ♦

Editorial

Firstly, my apologies for the lateness of
this Spring issue of Points East. I have
been awaiting the required permissions
to include the article on the Clockmaker,
Edward East, but alas I have had to omit
certain references which may well be
subject to copyright, in favour of
including those ‘in the public domain’.

A positive outcome of the delay has
meant that I will be sending the issue out
to members on exactly the date of the
Spring Equinox! For the Northern
Hemisphere, the spring equinox is the
moment when winter ends and spring
begins (hurrah!), while for the Southern
Hemisphere it is the moment when
summer ends and fall (autumn) begins. It
marks the moment the Sun crosses the
celestial equator – the imaginary line in
the sky above the Earth’s equator – from
south to north. This happens between
March 19th and March 21st every year.
Please enjoy the third and final full
supermoon of 2019 whilst you enjoy
reading this latest issue of Points East!

I didn’t manage to break down any brick
walls of my own family history over the
winter months as I’d hoped, but continue
to enjoy helping others to create and
progress their own family trees. I found
that they made excellent Christmas
presents!

I do hope your own research is
progressing well.

Enjoy life, keep busy and happy
reading! ♦

**Minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting
of the East Family History Society
Saturday 13th October at Bishopshalt School, Hillingdon
12 noon**

The meeting was chaired by Ros Hipkin. Seventeen members attended the meeting that was the 25th Annual General Meeting of the East Family History Society.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies have been received from Clive Norris, Caroline Foster, Gloria Onstad, Amanda Gostelow, David William East, Maureen Caldwell, Dorothy Morgan, Jennifer Tombs, Dr John East, Lindsay Demmer, Edward East, Paul East, Dr Lionel East, Carol Marshall, Tim and Margaret East, Adrian and Jenny Pearson, Ray Roberts, Millicent East.

2. Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were accepted.

Proposed: Yvette East Seconded: Brian East

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Chairman's report: Ros Hipkin

The society has now been in existence for 25 years, so your committee thought it would be a good reason for a celebratory meal, which I'm sure you will all enjoy. The committee has once again worked hard to keep everything running smoothly, making my job very easy. My thanks to you all.

We have a few members leaving, but others joining, so numbers remain fairly similar. It would however be good to have more, younger "East" members as some of us are getting older!

After the meal I hope you will give a warm welcome to retired Deputy Registrar Antony Marr, whose talk is "What's in a name".

5. Secretary's report: Ron East

- The 2018 membership application form has been edited to include a section that explains the Society's policy with regard to the GDPR.
- The Society's policy with regard to the GDPR was published on 1 March 2018. A copy is included with each membership application form.
- Membership renewal letters and accompanying e-mails were sent out to 34 members on 1 May. There were 28 members in the UK and 4 overseas. A further reminder e-mail was sent out one month later.

- In accord with the policy agreed by the committee in 2017, copies of Points East, Autumn 2018, were not sent out to members who had not renewed their membership by the date of the posting of the journal.
- The committee has agreed to a 6-month period following 1 May in which members may renew their membership. The contact details of members who fail to do so will be erased from the records on 1 November.
- Marjorie East (member number 208) has resigned from the Society.
- David East (member number 101 and a member since 1997) died in February of this year. The secretary sent a letter of sympathy to his widow on behalf of the Society.
- Membership renewals as at the AGM:

May 2019	31
May 2020	11
May 2021	17
May 2022	1
Life members	13
- TOTAL MEMBERSHIP 73

6. Treasurer's report: Brian East

This year's accounts are very much in line with the previous year with no major changes in either income or expenditure. We are indebted to Pam and Ken for covering the cost of the hire of the room here at Bishopshalt for our Committee meeting in March. This year also reflects that we are paying our website fees on a two yearly basis. We have included the costs for two issues of Points East as per last year and the decrease in expenditure for it reflects the fact that some members have agreed to receive an electronic version, thus saving some of the cost of the print run and the postage. I have shown all the postage costs as a separate item under expenditure and this also includes the secretarial postage costs.

The net movement of our funds are similar to last year at £81.97 compared to £100.92. I anticipate a small loss next year given that we have a speaker today but I will not be recommending any increase in our subscriptions. Our accounts and planned expenditure are in a healthy state.

Year 2017-2018

Opening Bank Balance 01 Aug 2017		1162.92
Income		
Membership Subscriptions	545.00	
Sale of extra copies of Points East	0.00	
Sale of binders	37.00	
Donations	63.20	
Total Income		645.20

Expenses

Committee Meeting expenses	0.00	
Committee Expenses	0.00	
A.G.M. Expenses	79.31	
Points East costs	230.17	
Points East Article Prize	50.00	
Website	100.62	
Postage	140.13	
Total Expenses		-600.23

Closing Bank Balance 31 Jul 2017 1207.89 Note 1

Opening stock of binders	150.40
Sale of binders	37.00
Closing Stock of Binders	113.40
Total assets (Bank accounts + stock of binders)	1321.29
Net movements	81.97

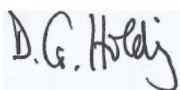
Notes

1. Closing balance taken at 3 Aug 2018 as shown on Bank Statement

Statement from independent examiner

I have examined the accounts as presented by Brian East, the treasurer, and find them accurate

Signed



David G. Holding

Date

9 October 2018

7. Journal Editor's report: Amanda Gostelow

The editor requested that her thanks to be forwarded to the membership for the articles for publication but reminded them to continue to send articles for inclusion in the journal.

8. The John and Andrée East Founders Award for the best article published in the Journal

This award was given for the article 'Tim East and the Electric Lorry' and a cheque for £50 posted to Tim East.

9. Research Manager's report: Angela Waterfall

I returned from Canada two days ago where, among many of the tourist opportunities, was the “Points East” trail on Prince Edward Island (one of the maritime provinces).

Although there were lots of lighthouses on the trail, the emblem of the trail is a starfish. The starfish has five points, so I am going to condense this report into five points too.

1. Our current paper resources include family trees and BMD certificates donated by members, lists of people with the surname East from various indexes or visits to graveyards and newspaper articles about various “Easts”.

An on-going job for me, as research officer, is to try and reduce the amount of paper records held and to link the information to the “Big Family Tree”.

Looking through the paper archives has made me realise how much time and effort was expended by the founding members as they searched for information. Being a member of the society gave them the opportunity to share resources, check and validate information and to carry out joint projects. We owe them our thanks. My thanks also go to Anne East, and the research managers before her, for creating such a comprehensive archive. Anne’s database of information held is invaluable as I attempt to go “paperless”.

2. Our “Big Tree” continues to expand. Now, it contains 13,482 names linked to 2991 individual places. The tree is updated by the information recorded in Points East Articles and by information given by individual members, who choose to share their own family histories. Thanks go to June Lines, for producing the Points East Index every year. This year has not been easy for her as she has been less mobile. However, that has neither stopped June’s work nor her enthusiasm.
3. As more information goes on-line, I have placed the “Big Tree” as a private tree on Ancestry. The benefits of this action are that there is additional outside storage for the tree and it allows other people to help me with aspects of research. So, thank you, Amanda Gostelow, for proving that I could give guest access; thank you Yvette East for helping to answer the website queries and thank you to Margaret East for verifying and adding to the information about Oxfordshire East families.

When people are given guest access, they can only see deceased members’ information and no editing can be done. The Tree does not appear on the Search Engine.

4. We have not received any certificates this year. However, the number of wills that we have is growing slowly. I am very grateful for Ken and Pam Pearce for their translations of early wills.
5. So, what might we research next year? Among the anniversaries are the Official End of WW1 on 28th June 1919, the 75th anniversary of D-Day and the anniversary of the Peterloo Massacre, Manchester (16th August 1819). It is also 60 years since the first Mini was made; I did not have a Mini but I did have an ancestor called Minnie Cooper!

We continue to help people with their research. Most queries now come by e-mail or via the website. We cannot help everyone, but it is marvellous when we realise that we can help. Recently I received the following e-mail:

“Thank you so much for your hard work and prompt reply. I confirm I have received the scan you sent and a friendly message from CB. All immensely fascinating and useful in my family research. The East Family History Society is a tremendous asset to the likes of me – you are all very dedicated and impressively thorough.”

10. DNA Manager's report: Ron East

Y-DNA testing

There are 38 Y-DNA records in the EastFHS database.

Eighteen of the thirty-seven tests have shown matches that establish links to one of six familial lines. The remaining nineteen tests have established nineteen further familial lines, each with one member. There are, therefore, twenty-five familial lines identified at the moment within the project.

Autosomal DNA testing

Chris East has had an autosomal test carried out by FamilyTreeDNA and has put the results into his tree. The two unusual surnames Wyvill and Revis came up in his research. They are named ancestors of a William and Elizabeth married in Burton Agnes in 1765. Chris received a reply from someone in Michigan whose MCRA is William Wyvill and showed that they were fifth cousins. This family went out to Ontario from Barmston.

Another reply from a Melvin Hopkins in the States gave a match to a cousin on his mother's side and confirmed a link to a family descended from Thomas East (1737-1797) and Obedience East (1740-1805).

11. Social Secretary's report: Pam Pearce

The committee had a useful meeting at Bishopshalt in February.

Members confirmed that they would like to meet at Bishopshalt School again next year. The school will be booked for both the committee meeting in the Spring and the AGM in October in 2019; Judy and Chris are booked to do the catering.

12. Website Manager's report: Yvette East

Since the last AGM the website has been viewed 1,635 times. This is down 511 hits on the previous year which had 2,146 hits during the same period, however there is still steady traffic and the average time spent on the website has increased. The lowest monthly hit has been 112 and the highest 286.

Statistics

Hits continue to come from countries all over the world however our geographical demographic has changed in the last 12 months. In previous years the two main countries for hits were the UK & USA. However, in the last six months there have been more hits from France than anywhere else, with the USA next and, in the last quarter, hits from the UK have fallen into fifth place. Canada and Australia still usually appear in the top five, with India, China, New Zealand and Nigeria along with France usually being in the top ten.

Below is a table of the quarterly stats for the last three years:

PERIOD	HITS	USERS	MONTHLY STATS
15/16			
1 OCT 2015 - 31 DEC 2015	1,480	1,251	Oct: 279 Nov: 728 Dec: 473
1 JAN 2016 - 31 MAR 2016	715	614	Jan: 335 Feb: 152 Mar: 228
1 APR 2016 - 30 JUN 2016	542	485	Apr: 162 May: 234 Jun: 146
1 JUL 2016 - 30 SEP 2016	521	473	Jul: 261 Aug: 136 Sep: 124
16/17			
1 OCT 2016 - 31 DEC 2016	704	511	Oct: 180 Nov: 340 Dec: 184
1 JAN 2017- 31 MAR 2017	484	433	Jan: 156 Feb: 174 Mar: 154
1 APR 2017 - 31 JUN 2017	450	377	Apr: 139 May: 177 Jun: 134
1 JUL 2017- 31 SEP 2017	508	408	Jul: 184 Aug: 168 Sep: 156
17/18			
1 OCT 2017 - 31 DEC 2017	447	381	Oct: 182 Nov: 143 Dec: 122
1 JAN 2018 - 31 MAR 2018	353	293	Jan: 127 Feb: 114 Mar: 112
1 APR 2018 - 31 JUN 2018	423	373	Apr: 131 May: 136 Jun: 156
1 JUL 2018 - 31 SEP 2018	412	382	Jul: 160 Aug: 124 Sep: 128

There have been no Hits from the 'The Hague' this year but we are still of interest to Washington DC with five hits from them.

Guest Book Messages

There have been several messages left in the Guest Book during the past year including:

In November last year James East from the USA told us that he was a descendant of William East b1594 of Faldingworth, Lincs, who emigrated to the USA.

In December, a lady called Angie Griffiths left a message to inform us that her mother was Sandra East b1944 in Neath, her grandfather was Ronald East b1914 in Port Talbot and her great grandfather was Henry East c1880 from the Forest of Dean area.

In March, Ian Luck posted to inform the society & its members of his new book **'Sir Alfred East, The Incidental Etcher: 'A Lifetime of Etching'**. The book is an illustrated guide documenting the untold story of Sir Alfred East as an Etcher & his contribution to British printmaking.

The book was published in conjunction with the Alfred East Gallery and is available from the Gallery shop for £10 or by post (his details are on the website) from Ian Luck at the same cost but with £2.75 for p&p.

In June, Trent East from Georgia, USA, having traced his ancestral line to William East of Lincolnshire c1550, wondered if we could confirm suggested information that the family might have links to the Anglo Saxons before they came to England.

In July, Gloria Onstad (a previous visitor) left a message to say that at 85 yrs old she was still family researching.

Also in July, Raymond Nigel East told us that after a previous failed attempt he was again researching his family history. His grandfather was in the 7th Dragoon Guards and as a member of the Black Horse, affiliated to the Blues & Royals, had served at Horseguards Parade, in WW1 and the Boer War.

In August, Lisa asked for help. She is researching her father George Paul Carlyn East b1855 in Nottingham but could find no birth records. She had a marriage certificate for him showing his father to be Samuel East, a professional Surgeon but couldn't find any record of him either. I had a spare half an hour so had a quick search myself and found (quite easily!) a George East born and registered in Nottingham in 1856. George also appeared in the 1871 census with his family including father Solomon East, who may have elevated his status on the marriage record as in 1871 he is recorded as a Herbalist and 1861 as a 'Quack Doctor'! A few days ago, John Waring left a message asking for help to demolish a brick wall! He is trying to find details for Richard East c1824 of Eastray, Kent, who was a coach painter and who may have followed the railways to Crewe. He believes from detail on a first marriage certificate, that Richard's father was also Richard, however he cannot find details for a second marriage believed to be to Sarah Hookham.

Content

As reported at the last AGM I have added the 'From 25 years ago' item on the landing page and also a page with the same name. I put an item from the early journal editions on the landing page and after 6/8 weeks I move the item onto the 'From 25 years ago' page and put a new item on the landing page.

As we are celebrating the society's 25th Anniversary year, I currently have an article called '**A Trip to Points East**', written by the society founders John and Andrée East for the second edition of Points East in Autumn 1993. The article details a trip made by John and Andrée to Australia & New Zealand where they met members of the EFHS and many people named East!

I am still working on adding a searchable database where visitors to the site could see if their ancestor was known to the society and potentially a small charge for the provision of information from our files.

Angela has provided me with a link to the 'big tree' on ancestry but as this database does not 'belong' to us, we cannot use it for searching on our website.

As always, I would welcome ideas or suggestions for things that we could add to the website to try to make it more interesting and to encourage returning visitors.

13. Election of Officers

All the officers were prepared to stand again for re-election and were elected by a unanimous show of hands.

Proposed: Barry Eagle

Seconded: Brian East

The officers for 2018-19 are:

Chairman: Rosalyn Hipkin

Research Manager: Angela Waterfall

Treasurer: Brian East

Secretary: Ron East

Social Secretary: Pam Pearce

DNA project manager: Ron East

Website Manager: Yvette East

Journal Editor: Amanda Gostelow

Member: Anne East

Member: Peter East

Member: Kevin East

The following remain as co-opted members of the committee:

Lionel East

June Lines

David Lewin

14. Date of next AGM

The date of the next AGM will be **Saturday, 12 October, 2019** at Bishopshalt School, Hillingdon subject to confirmation by the Social Secretary.

15. AOB

A discussion took place about the security of the personal data of the members of the committee whose contact details appear in full on the inside of the front cover of the journal. The committee members present were happy for their contact details to be seen but it was suggested that a different e-mail contact address could be used for Society business. Angela and Yvette already use such an address. Each committee member was entitled to decide how their contact details should be displayed but perhaps there should be a consensus of opinion. Further discussion was deferred to the next committee meeting.

There was a discussion too about the ways in which membership fees are paid over. The secretary listed BACS (the Society's bank details appear on the application/renewal form), a cheque or, occasionally, by asking overseas visitors to send a cash equivalent in their own currency which is then exchanged here in the UK.

The secretary announced that he will be standing down as secretary at the next AGM in 2019. Anne and he will also be standing down from the committee but will continue to attend the AGM in years to come.

Would any member who is willing to take over the post of secretary in October 2019 please contact a member of the committee.

The meeting closed at 13.06.

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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@goslow.demon.co.uk

In memory of John and Andrée East

Notable Australian Easts *by Angela Waterfall*

Recently I sent our GRO Index to a new member, Brian East, in South Australia. While trying to see what information we had about his one of his ancestors, **Captain Matthew Henry East**, I happened across reference to a book by **Sir Ronald East CBE** (1899-1994).

Curious to know more, I did an internet search and found that he became a Knight Bachelor under the Order of St. Michael and St. George for services to water treatment industries in 1966. After he left the Australian Airforce Corps in 1919, he resumed his university studies and graduated as a civil engineer, specialising in water supplies. His obituary (at www.prosper.org.au) claimed that he was the “longest serving public servant in Australia” citing his responsibility for increasing Victoria’s water storage threefold and his contribution to the planning of both the Hume Dam and the Snowy Mountains Project. The obituary showed that he shared our love of Family History, having published four volumes of family history. There is an extensive archive of his papers at the University of Melbourne and maybe one of our Australian members might be able to access these and find out whether the volumes are in that collection.

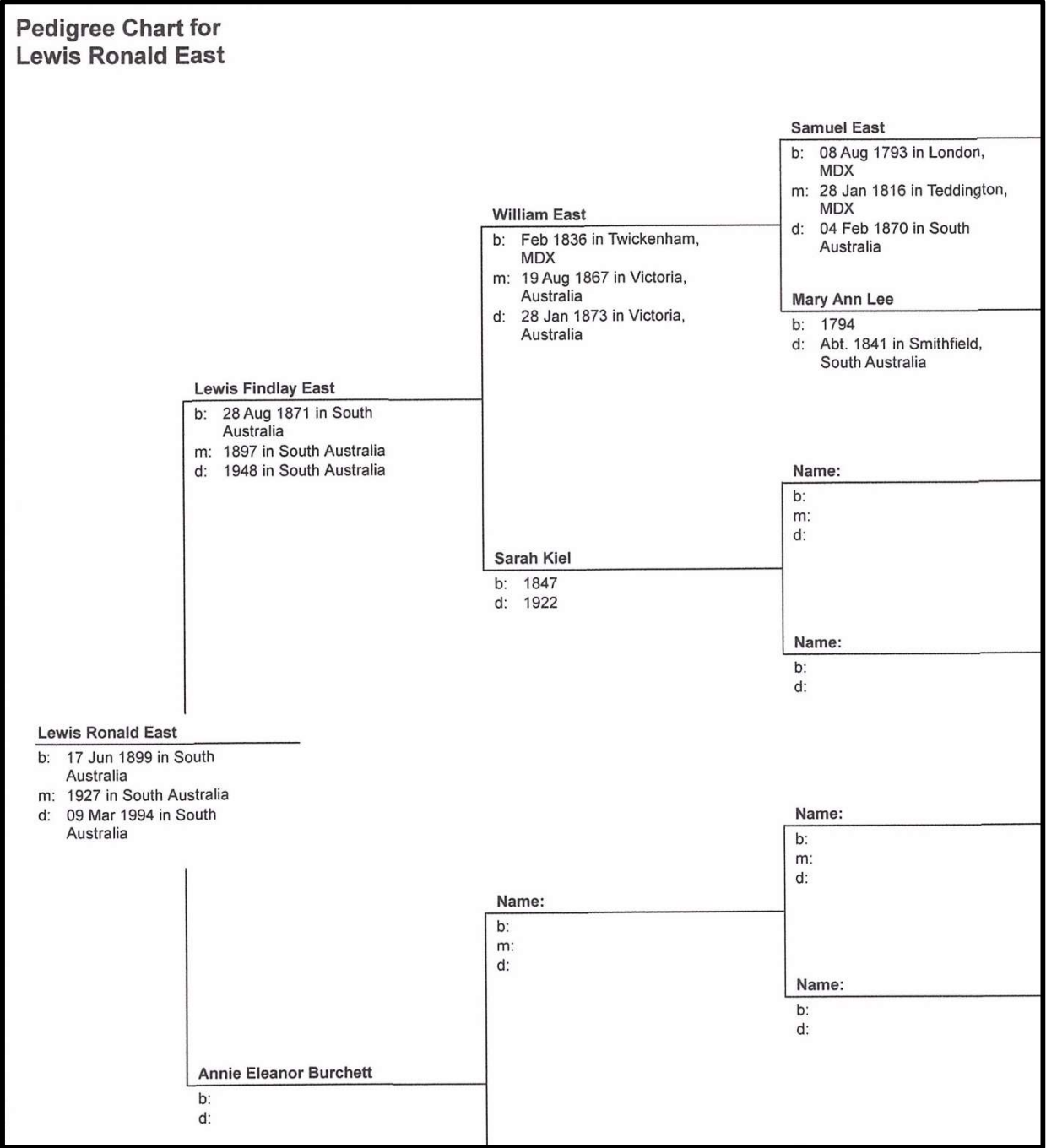
However, the obituary also referred to the fact that **Sir Ronald (or Sir Lewis Ronald) East** was the great-grandson of a pioneer South Australian colonist of 1836. Fortunately, he does appear on our “Big Tree” and the colonist was **Samuel East** (1793-1870), a wheelwright who was born in Middlesex in 1793. In 1836, the family boarded the *Africaine*, a private ship contracted to carry emigrants for the Colonisation Commissioners. This would have given Samuel and his family a free passage to Australia. Life on board ship for the emigrants must have been tough; an article about the *Africaine* described an “open area fitted with two tiers of bunks for the emigrants”.

The family thrived in Australia and **William East** (1836-1873), Sir Ronald’s grandfather, became a farmer, able to give his sons private education. Sir Ronald’s father, **Lewis Findlay East I.S.O** (1871-1948), described in the obituary as a “country-educated boy” is mentioned in “Who’s Who in Australia” 1921-1950. He began working in the Customs Service in 1888 and became an advisor to the Commonwealth Shipping Control Board on maritime legal matters. He was associated with drafting the Navigation Bill of 1911/12 and was part of the team establishing and organising the Commonwealth Repatriation Department towards the end of the First World War.

If Prosper allow us, the full text of the obituary will be placed on our EFHS website. It tells a story of a family who took a risk by emigrating to another country, who contributed fully to their new society and who used their talents to the full. Sir Ronald was “an environmentalist before that word was coined” and was a “sought-after speaker, able to speak on anything from gumtrees to astronomy”.

I hope to unearth more stories like this as I work my way through our paper archives.

Pedigree Chart for
Lewis Ronald East



The Africaine Passenger List

(Information compiled by Mr Bob Sexton on the website

<http://boundforsouthaustralia.com.au/ships/passenger-lists/africaine-passenger-list.html>.

History SA, an agency of the Government of South Australia, initiated the website as part of its commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the establishment of South Australia in 2011. The project has been undertaken as a collaboration with the South Australian Department of Education and Children's Services (DECS)).

It is impossible to be sure of who was on board the Africaine. The ship was chartered by Robert Gouger and John Brown from the joint owners Thomas Finlay and John Finlay Duff, who commanded the ship. Being a privately-owned vessel, there is no record of the crew beyond the name of the master and the casual mention of a few in diaries kept on board.

The identity of cabin and intermediate passengers has to be gleaned from various accounts and letters written by passengers. Brown and Gouger were government officials but the rest were landholders or others making their own way to the new colony on their own account, Thomas for instance to publish the first newspaper.

We learn that the two cabins at the stern were occupied by Captain Duff and Gouger, and the next two forward by Hallett and Brown. Beyond the cuddy, seen in a Skipper watercolour to have stretched the breadth of the ship, were cabins for intermediate passengers. Beyond them would have been the open area fitted with two tiers of bunks for the emigrants, and finally the forecabin for the crew.

The Africaine was contracted to carry emigrants for the Colonization Commissioners. The 'Register of Emigrant Labourers Applying for a Free Passage to South Australia' lists those people considering life in the new colony and generally indicates on which ship those deciding to proceed were embarked. However uncertainty can arise from clerical errors and last minute changes, and mistakes have crept into lists of passengers compiled over the years as a result of faulty memory or confusion. Amongst the emigrants were a number of South Australian Company servants whose names are also recorded in the Directors' Minutes. Deacon, who had entered into an arrangement with the Company, was ineligible for a free passage and occupied an intermediate cabin.

Officers:

Master: John Finlay Duff

Mates: Smith (chief mate)

Constable (second mate, left at the Cape)

Crew:

Ramsden

Cabin & intermediate passengers:

John Brown
Mrs Brown

Maria Josepha Brown
William Archer Deacon
Mrs Duff
Dr Charles George Everard
Mrs Everard
daughter
James Everard
Arthur W. Gliddon
Robert Gouger
Harriet Gouger
John Hallett
Mrs Hallett & 3 children
Charles Nantes
John Michael Skipper
Robert Thomas
Mary Thomas
Frances Thomas
Mary Thomas
Helen Thomas
William Thomas
W.H. Ward
Benjamin Wickham
William Williams

Emigrants:

John Diment Bagg
Henry Bushell
Mrs Bushell
John Bushell
Caroline Bushell
Jeremiah Calnan
Mrs Calnan
John Calnan
Charles Calnan
Michael Calnan
Mary Ann Calnan
Margaret Clark
James Coltman
Mrs Coltman
Daniel Cox

James Cronk
Mary Ann East
Samuel East
Mrs East
Jane East
Elizabeth East
William East
Samuel East junior
Sarah East
Charles John Everard
William Everard
Robert Fisher
Joseph Augustus Hill
Abraham Irwin
Mrs Irwin
Andrew Jacobs
Henry James Lee
Joseph Lee
G.C. Lewis
Mrs Lewis
Mary Lillywhite
Hugh MacDonald
Mary Martin
Martha Navy
E.W. Osborne (lost on Kangaroo Island)
John Edward Pollard
Mrs Pollard
George Pursill
Mrs Pursill
John Pursill
John Michael Skipper
John Slater (lost on Kangaroo Island)
Benjamin Smith
John Snoswell
William Kyffin Thomas
Mary Anne Vincent
Richard Warren
Frederick Whitman
Daniel Wickham
Eliza Wickham

James Windibank
Alfred Young

Sir Ronald East

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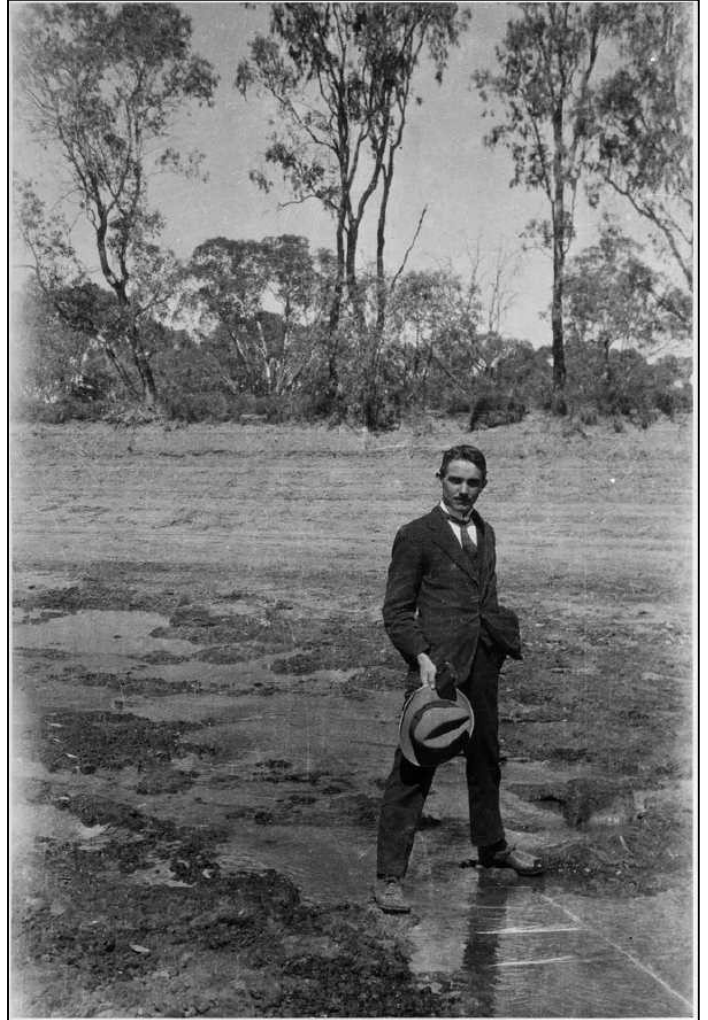
Sir Ronald East (1899 – 1994)

*Photo is East astride the River Murray
before the construction of Hume Reservoir
Photo courtesy of State Library of Victoria*

“Where land is held as private property – as it is here – a farmer’s status in the community is determined more by the value of the land he owns, and what he could get if he sold it, than by the use to which the land is put.”

“With our system of land tenure, each generation pays an ever-increasing tribute to the landowner. Nearly all the benefit of mechanical invention and discovery, scientific and agricultural development, increased efficiency of labor, improved methods of business go not to the worker, employer or investor in industrial stocks, but to the investor in land. It is thus that great fortunes are made – by unearned increment.”

“For one law to protect the rights of Man, we have 100 to protect the sacred rights of property. For every war fought for liberty, 100s are fought for territory or commercial plunder.”



“To die rich is to die shamed”. These words – from a bygone age, it seems – were instilled into Ron East by his father, and this was the starry ideal which Ron was to follow in a marvellously-productive career as a servant of the public (“public servant” has been too demeaned these days). In stark contrast to today’s robber barons and economic rent-seekers, at the end of a life of great achievement Ron East had a house, a car, and \$12,000 in the bank.

Lewis Ronald East was great-grandson of a pioneer South Australian colonist of 1836 and of an Irish orphan shipped from the famine, grandson of a miner who died young of miners’ tuberculosis, and son of a country-educated boy who drafted our Commonwealth Marine Law. He was a very frail baby and not expected to live so the family moved to the country (Ringwood, before it was swallowed up by Melbourne’s suburbs) for his health, and he grew up as a

healthy country boy, helping with work on their few acres, and riding a horse to school.

Ron considered himself fortunate with a series of fine teachers – at Tooronga Road State School, University of Melbourne, and his first boss at the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission, the chairman A. S. Kenyon. Kenyon had a tremendous influence as his friend and patron, taking him around the countryside and widening his interests and his understanding of Victoria. It gave Ron a vision of both its history and its future.

Ron was the longest serving public servant in Australia. A few of his appointments include an engineer to the State Rivers and Water Supply Commission (SR&WSC) 1922, Commissioner 1935, Chairman for 29 years from 1936-1965, and as River Murray Commissioner 1936-1965. He was responsible for increasing Victorian's water storage capacity threefold, doubling its irrigated areas, enlarging Eildon Dam, improving and expanding flood protection and country town water supplies and sewerage. He was a planner of the Hume Dam and the Snowy Mountains project.

He was an environmentalist before that word was coined. He planned for present and future needs of Victoria, and took a leading part in drafting legislation and working for soil conservation, water-catchment protection and river improvement. He foresaw and tried to prevent problems that were hardly recognised but have now become desperate, such as salination, river pollution, waste of water, silting, loss of river flow, housing development below flood levels, and squabbling by competing interests. He later realised that he was insufficiently aware of the effects of draining swamps.

He was an enemy of greed as the ultimate cause of the waste and destruction of our natural heritage – the waste of water that results in salination and non-flowing rivers, the financial pressures on farmers that lead to overstocking and turning poor land into worse, the developers who build on unprotectable flood-risks, the importers of pests, and the greed to exploit that wants to leave nothing for our children.

Considering his upbringing, it's no surprise that Ron was actively involved in Melbourne's Henry George League. His work and travels enabled him to see (and be repelled by) the great private profit made from increases in land value resulting from his public works, while the cost of those works remained as heavy public debt. He also saw the land question as a spiritual concern, and wrote "Sin to my mind is the non-observance through wilfulness or ignorance of a natural law. Punishment is simply the inevitable result of the operation of the law." (The sin is) as Henry George says, that 'civilised man has parcelled out and sold God's Earth, the birthright of all generations, to be the sport of speculators'.

He always took work home, and took two weeks' holiday each year, but had many other interests. He served as a local town councillor, and was active in the Methodist/Uniting Church, Rotary, the RSL (he was in the Australian Flying Corps in WW1), the Old People's Welfare Council, and sponsored refugees and overseas students. He worked energetically against numerous injustices, and received a knighthood on his retirement from the SR&WSC.

After retirement he was active in community life, published four volumes of family history, edited the Gallipoli diary of sapper Sergeant Lawrence, taught youngsters to make model engines, and ran his own working models on the Puffing Billy railway days for local children and relatives. Until the age of 92 he was a sought-after public speaker, able to speak on anything from gumtrees to astronomy.

He believed that nobody ever died from over-work, only stress – indeed, he remained active in a wide range of public pursuits throughout his long life. He did not mind opposition; he said the minority was usually right. They don't seem to make 'em like Ron East any more – the young today could be forgiven that such virtuous souls never really existed.

Ron East's wonderful booklet "The Faith of an Engineer" has been reprinted and sells for a nominal \$1 at our office.

A Snippet on Edward East – *from the editor*

In February 2019, Angela (research manager) and I travelled into London to visit some City churches around the area of Fleet Street. We toured the Temple church, The Wren church of St Martin within Ludgate, The Guild Church of St Dunstan-in-the-West on Fleet Street, St. Andrew-by-the-Wardrobe and St Bride's Church. We also wandered around Dr Samuel Johnson's house museum.

At St Dunstan's we noticed a marble memorial to Henry Jones, Clockmaker, and Hannah his widow. The following words were written on a sign below the memorial : "... He (*Henry Jones*) was apprenticed to Benjamin Hill on 22 August 1654 at the unusually late age of 20, but was soon turned over to **Edward East**. Hill was Master of the Clockmakers' Company in 1657 and East, who had been Master in 1645 and 1652 and watchmaker to King Charles I, was one of the most eminent makers of the seventeenth century. Henry Jones was freed on 6 July 1663 and had premises in Middle Temple and near Temple Bar, a little to the west of this church. He himself became Master in 1691/2. He was evidently successful in business for in October 1692 he gave the Company £100 for the use of the poor, alongside a similar benefaction from his old master, Edward East ..."

Sons of New Zealand *by Angela Waterfall*

As I try to make our archives more accessible by scanning photos and newspaper cuttings, I happened across some pages of East/ Paige Family Biographies (donor unknown but probably one of our New Zealand members).

In the biography was information about **The Reverend Herbert Edward East** (1849-1919) who was born in Oxford, moved to New Zealand at the age of eight and died in New Zealand. He had nine children, the sixth of whom was **STANLEY** (1886-1961), a journalist.

In 1915, Stanley wrote the words of a patriotic song for the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces and the words and the music are archived in the National Library of New Zealand :

Chorus:

*Sons of New Zealand
Lads of the land so free
Don't you hear the bugle call
Sounding over the sea
The Empire is in danger
And sorrow may be nigh
Let's show the world
When the flag's unfurled
How to conquer or to die*

- 1. Across the seas the word has come
That New Zealand's sons must go
Far over the foam
From the dear old foam
Once more to face the foe
They thought that we would desert our friends
But Britain must be true
Standing beneath the dear old flag
We'll fight for the Red, White and Blue*
- 2. On honour's scrolls we read the names
Of the Empire's heroes true
With men like Nelson on the wave
Neath the old Red, White and Blue
And sons as brave are with her now
The hearts of sterling worth
Ready to rally round the flag
Of the land that gave them birth*

The History of Wills Part 2 – A talk to East FHS, October 2017 by Pam Pearce

[Editor : minor edits made where text was only relevant to the original talk]

Ken and I have volunteered to systematically go through the East Wills at the National Archives and other depositories, for the society, so that the Research Manager can offer help to enquirers who might have the East in their family, whose Will it is. It is a slow process to transcribe the older Wills.

As Ken has said [see *Points East*, Issue 50], the early Wills are usually mostly in Latin. And, as Ken has a rudimentary knowledge of Latin, we can just about get the gist of the contents, though will not be able to transcribe every word.

Some of the early Wills written in English are also really difficult to read. The Elizabethan handwriting is spidery and convoluted, some letters have changed their written shape over time, some words are abbreviated, some mention objects we do not use today, and therefore some of the vocabulary used is difficult to decipher, some are very repetitive and in legal jargon, which use long-winded phrasing and legal words, and go on saying very similar things for pages and pages.

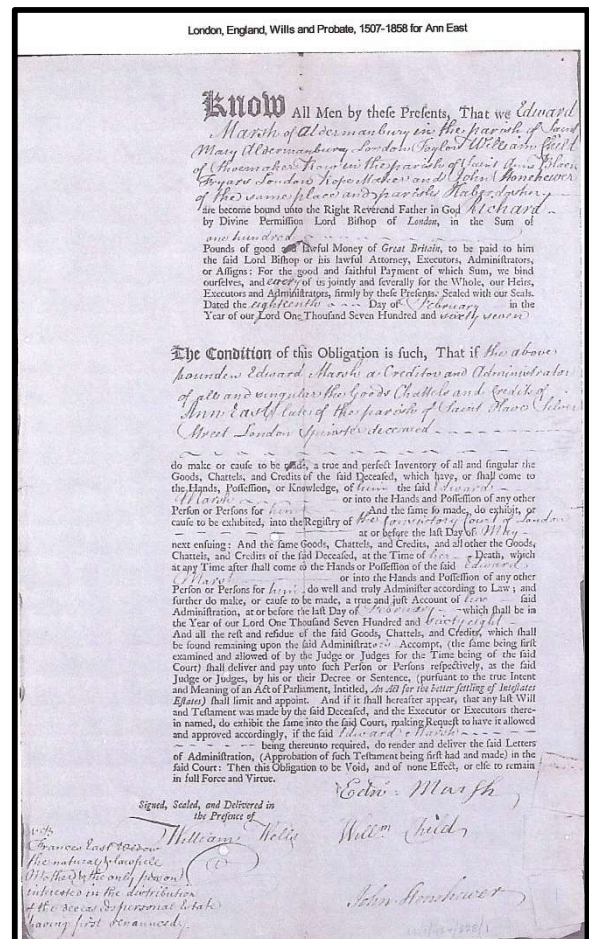
BUT there are some words, whatever we do, we just cannot work out. These we leave blank and where the blanks are, we can usually understand the rest of the sentence and get the meaning of what is written.

When you have been doing it for some time, the phrases being used, and the abbreviations, begin to be easier to work out. The more that you work on a transcription the less difficult some of the words become. We are by no means experts at reading the old writing, but it does get a bit easier the more you do it.

I have some examples of Wills we have worked on for you to look at :

Some are very short and to the point; such as the Will of James East dated 1716 of St Martin's church in Middlesex [ask Pam for details].

Some are printed;



Will of Anne East of Saint Olaves, Silver Street, London - 1767

Know All Men by these Presents, That we Edward Marsh of Aldermanbury in the parish of Saint Aldermanbury, London, Tayler, William Child, of Shoemaker Row in the parish of Saint Anne Black Fryars, London, Rope Maker and John Stonehewer of the same place and parish, Haberdasher, are become bound unto the Right Reverend Father in God Richard by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of London, in the Sum of One Hundred Pounds of good and Lawful Money of Great Britain, to be paid to him the said Lord Bishop or his lawful Attorney, Executors, Administrators or Assigns; For the good and faithful Payment of which Sum, we bind ourselves, and every of us jointly and severally for the Whole, our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, firmly by these Presents, Sealed with our Seals. Dated the eighteenth Day of February in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty seven.

The Condition of this obligation is such, That if the above bounden Edward Marsh a Creditor and Administrator of all and singular the Goods Chattells and Credits of ANNE EAST late of the parish of Saint Olave, Silver Street, London, Spinster deceased, do make or cause to be made, a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattells, and Credits of the said Deceased, which have, or shall come to the Hands, Possession, or Knowledge, of him the said Edward Marsh or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for himself And the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, into the Registry of the Commistory Court of London at or before the last Day of May next ensuing; And the same Goods, Chattells, and Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattells, and Credits of the said Deceased, at the Time of her Death, which at any Time after shall come to the Hands or Possession of the said Edward Marsh or into the Hands or Possession of any other Person or Persons for him do well and truly Administer according to Law; And further do make, or cause to be made, a true and just Account of her said Administration, at or before the last Day of February which shall be in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and sixty eight. And all the rest and residue of the said Goods, Chattells, and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said Administrators Accompt, [the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the Time being of the said Court] shall deliver and pay unto such Person or Persons respectively, as the said Judge or Judges, by his or their Decree or Sentence, [pursuant to the true

Intent and meaning of an Act of Parliament, Intituled, An Act for the better settling of Intestates Estates] shall limit and appoint. And if it shall hereafter appear, that any last Will and Testament was made by the said Deceased, and the Executor or Executors therein named, do exhibit the same into the said Court, making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly, if the said Edward Marsh being thereunto required do render and deliver the said Letters of Administration, [Approbation of such Testament being first had and made] in the said Court; Then this Obligation to be Void, and of none Effect, or else to remain in Full Force and Virtue.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

William Wells

Edw. Marsh

Willm. Child

NB.

Frances East Widow the natural and Lawfull Mother be the only person interested in the distribution of the deceased personal Estate having first renounced.

John Stonehewer.

One was the will of a sailor on board HMS Royal Oak, stationed in Port Mahon, in Madeira.

His Will was witnessed by the Chaplain and Clerk of the Royal Oak and another sailor. He left everything to his executrix who was a barmaid in London called Anne Lloyd.

Em
Matthew East.

In the Name of God Amen

I Matthew East Mariner belonging to his Majesties Ship Royal Oak being sick and weak but of sound and disposing Mind and memory and considering the perils and dangers of the seas and other uncertainties of this transitory life [doe for avoiding controversies after my decease] make publish and declare this my last Will and Testament in manner following [that is to say] First I commend my Soul to God that gave it and my body I commit to the Earth or Sea as it shall please God to order and as for and concerning all my worldly Estate I give bequeath and dispose thereof as followeth -- [that is to say] I give devise and bequeath unto my loving friend Ann Lloyd living at the Ale House and still in Fore Street near Cripplegate within the County of Middlesex victualler all such wages salary short allowances or Prize Money as now is or hereafter shall become due to and for my service on his Majesties ship Rochester and Royall Oak and all such other wages and sumes of money Lands Tenements Goods Chattells and Estate whatsoever as shall be any ways due owing or belonging unto me at the time of my decease I give devise and bequeath the same unto the

said Anne Lloyd [my just debts being first paid and satisfied] And I do hereby nominate and appoint the said Anne Lloyd my full and whole executrix of this my last Will and Testament here by revoking all former and other Wills Testaments and Deeds of Gift by me at any time heretofore made and I do ordaine and ratify these present to stand and be for and as my only last Will and Testament In witness whereof to this my said Will I have sett my hand and seal at Port Mahon the eight and twentieth day of July Anno Domini 1719 and in the first year of the Reigne of his Majesty King George over Great Brittain [Matthew East] signed sealed and published in the presence of us / Robt. Patton Chaplain to the Royal Oake / George Seymour, Jno. Foord, Clk. of the Royal Oake /

Probatum

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Will of Matthew East – Mariner – 1719

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Signature; Matthew East.

Signed sealed and published in the presence of us;

Robt. Patton, Chaplain to the Royal Oake.

George Seymour

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Translated simply as - Probate was granted in London on 24th August 1720 to Anna Lloyd Executrix, in the presence of William Shalam and John Bettsworth, Doctors of Law.

Wills obtained from the National Archives are the oldest Wills, together with those of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury. The research facility for obtaining an old Will has recently been moved [*ask Pam for details*].

It should here be pointed out that the old Wills were transcribed into huge vellum registers by copyists, and as a result, when working on a will from these registers, there may be mistakes made by the copyists. The Wills are also copied continuously from one page to another, so when you look at them, the first part, giving the name of the deceased, may be at the bottom of a page, and the Will continues onto the next page, finishing on the next page after that, at the beginning of another Will for someone else. It is wise to make sure you have copies of the WHOLE Will. You also should be aware that most of the Wills can be downloaded for free, but some they charge a small fee for.

When I have downloaded a new East Will from the National Archives, Ken and I then look at it to see if it is easy to read. If not, and the writing is very small, we get it enlarged at our local copy shop. Then, at home, Ken does the first read through, while I write down the words as he reads them. We leave blank any words that can't be read immediately, and then, when that is finished, I read it back to him as he looks at the document again. Sometimes the sense of the sentence enables him to read a blank word.

Then I have a turn at reading the original Will, while he follows the handwritten script, particularly concentrating on the blank words.

The whole process may take us a few days and eventually, after many read backs, we decide that it is all we can do for the moment. We then put it away for a while and look at it again after a few weeks. Sometimes a hard to read word comes to you immediately as you read it back. We consult our helpful books on reading old handwriting and the use of common phrases. Sometimes the handwriting changes and becomes either easier or harder to read.

When we decide we can't do any more, I write it out on the computer, leaving dots for the words we have not been able to read, and then I print it.

If we are happy with the transcription, I send it electronically to Angela, and then give her a printed copy and the original from the National Archives, when we next meet. Some of the Wills already done have helped her with research enquiries.

I would like to finish on a personal note.

When I became stuck in my own East family research, many years ago, which was in about the time of the 1700's, Ken and I went to the Bucks record office at Aylesbury, and the Hertfordshire Record Office in Hertford, and discovered the

Will of my five times Great Grandfather William East, a farmer of Bovingdon, Herts. Bovingdon is a village just across the Hertfordshire border from Chesham.

From that long and interesting Will I was able to confirm some links that I was unsure about, and the names of his children and grandchildren, and who his daughters had married. It did not mention his parents as they were already dead, nor where they might have lived, which led to another brick wall, but I discovered that they were a very mobile family within Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire, and had settled in many places around the area, eventually moving into London.

I am telling you this because Wills are so important in your research. It is worth the effort to transcribe them, however long it takes. And they reveal a wealth of information about a family, where they lived, their disputes and second marriages etc., that you might never find in the records.

East Coalminers *by Angela Waterfall*

Ancestry.co.uk has recently added All Web: UK, Coal Mining Accidents and Deaths Index, 1878-1935 to its resources. Having just visited a coalmine in Nova Scotia and realised what a dangerous career coalmining was, I was eager to investigate whether there were any Easts among the accidents. There were four names, which I then checked against our Big Tree (the amalgamation of Family Trees kept by the EFHS), on-line records and the British Newspaper Archives. These are the four young men who died:

Henry East (c1832-1855)

Henry was 23 years old when he was killed in the Black Vein Colliery when coal fell from the roof. This pit was described as one of the most dangerous pits in the country. It is likely that he links with one of our known families and that his mother was Jane East, sister of Thomas East who was born about 1720 in Kilmersden, Somerset. We know from the newspaper article that Henry was married without children.

Reported in a South Wales newspaper in 1855 – “FATAL ACCIDENT AT THE RISCA COLLIERY. A young man named Henry East, a collier, working at the Risca Blank Vein Pit, was killed early on Monday morning, by a great quantity of stuff falling upon him. He has left a young widow, but no children.”

Robert East (c1841-1857)

Robert was 16 years old when he died because he was sent to get candles in Duckworth Hall Colliery. At the inquest it was suggested that Davy lamps were used in future and one of the mine managers, William Holden, was put on trial for manslaughter.

Reported in an English newspaper in October 1857 –
“COLLIERY EXPLOSION – COMMITTAL OF THE UNDERLOOKER –
An inquest was held on Monday at Oswaldtwistle, near Blackburn, on the bodies of two boys who were killed by an explosion of fire-damp, which took place on Thursday, in a pit of one of Messrs Simpson and Young’s Collieries, Duckworth Hall. The men had been in the habit of using naked candles. Up to last week there had been no signs of fire-damp. A day or two before the accident a seam in the roof was pointed out to the underlooker, whose duty it was to report this to the manager. This was not done. The jury were of opinion that the underlooker, Wm. Holden, had been guilty of neglect, and returned a verdict of Manslaughter against him.

J.D.East (c1852-1873)

J.D East worked as a sinker (a person who dug mineshafts) and was killed when he fell down a shaft. This shaft was an exploratory shaft; two mine shafts were dug at Llanharen, Rhondda between 1870 and 1873, but work was abandoned because the pit was too wet and too inclined.

William East (1863-1894)

William died when a roof collapsed in Dowlais Fochriw Colliery near Merthyr Tydfil, Glamorgan. I found William on the 1891 Census with his two brothers, George and Fred. They were all coalminers and were born in Ledbury, Herefordshire. William may have married Lavinia Phillamore, a widow, in 1889 and had two sons, Thomas and William George (c 1893).

A Snippet on Warren East – Rolls-Royce

Noted by June Lines in The Times, 7th Aug 2017 :

‘Warren East, chief executive of Rolls-Royce, said that the company had a team working on Brexit scenario planning and that he wanted the outcome to be as close as possible to the status quo.’

Also, extracted from The Times on 2nd Aug 2017 :

‘Mr East was appointed (as chief executive) in 2015 to put Rolls-Royce back on track after a succession of profit warnings and an investigation by the Serious Fraud Office. He said the results showed that the company was heading in the right direction, but added that there was ‘no room for complacency’

Edward East – Chief Clockmaker to the King

(information extracted from Wikipedia and supplemented by pictures from 'The Clockmakers of London' by George White)



Miniature portrait, believed to be Edward East
c.1650. Artist unknown.

He was the only treasurer ever appointed. He at one time resided in Pall Mall, near the tennis court, and attended the king, Charles I of England, when tennis and other games were being played in the Mall, his Majesty often providing one of East's watches as a prize.



Edward East watch

It is related that the king's attendant, Mr Herbert, failing in the punctual discharge of his duties in the morning, his Majesty provided him with a gold alarm watch, which was fetched from the king's watchmaker, Mr East, in Fleet Street, in the parish of St Dunstan's in the West.

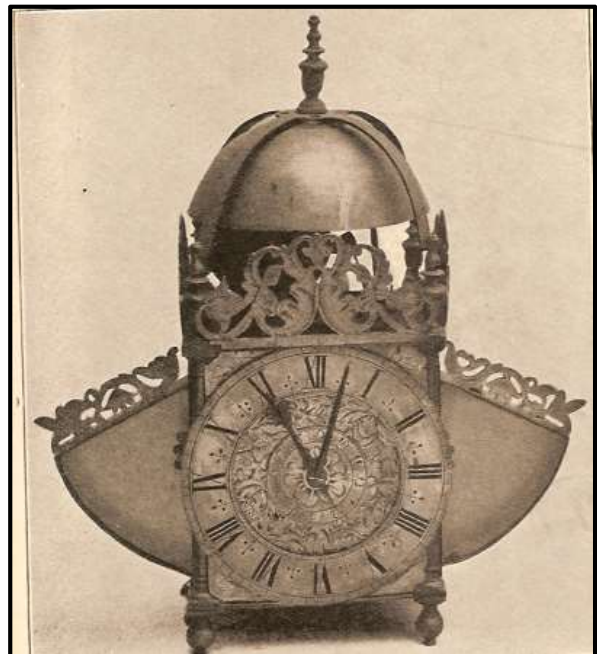
Edward remained close to the Goldsmiths' Company and was elected Prime Warden in 1671. A large silver alarm clock-watch by Edward East, which was kept at the bedside of Charles I, was presented by the king on his way to execution at Whitehall, on 30 January 1649, to Sir Thomas Herbert. Edward East's will suggests that he was resident in Hampton, Middlesex, in 1688, but his business continued in London. Edward lived to a good age; there is no record of his death but his will was proved (its validity established) in February 1697.

In the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford is a watch by East with gold case in the form of a melon, studded all over with turquoises, the pendant being enamelled blue to match. Two other undoubted specimens of this master's work are in the Clockmakers' Museum. In the British Museum is a watch by East with a tortoiseshell case, dating from about 1640. The Victoria & Albert Museum also possesses a specimen of his work :



This clock-watch strikes the hours and also has an alarm mechanism. The central hand on the dial is the alarm indicator. The small hand on the outside of the alarm disc shows the time. The back plate is signed 'Eduardus East Londini'. c1645. V&A

Winged lantern clock made by Edward East in the late 17th century just after the invention of the pendulum clock in 1657.



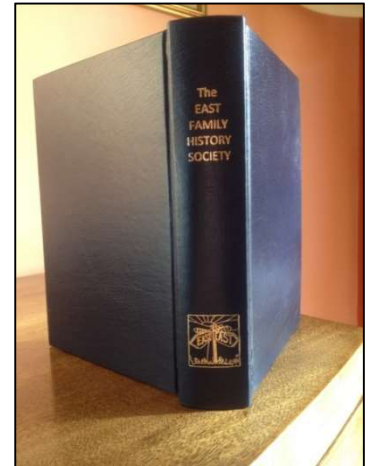
‘The Clockmakers of London’ by George White F.S.A. : George trained as a practical clockmaker and has written extensively on horology. He was appointed Keeper of the Clockmakers’ Museum in 1987 & served as Master of the Clockmakers’ Company in 2001. The book explains the significance of clock and watchmaking 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).



The beautiful dial and movement of a striking coach watch with alarm, signed ‘Edwardus East Londini’, c.1650 (Museum No. 586, Photograph above by George White, author of ‘The Clockmakers of London’)

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 September '18 and December '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. It is truly amazing that Larry continued to get the issues out on time in 2018 as he had a left hip replacement and a few health problems in early 2018, and was scheduled to go in for a right hip replacement in mid-January 2019!

The September issue contains an article on Eastes/Estes ancestry suggesting that the Estes line, first found in Deal, Kent, did come from mainland Europe - but not Italy as once thought. Nicholas Ewstas/Estes (c1495–1533) was not connected to the Italian House of Este but instead connected to the Eustice line ... tracing it back to Flanders. Eustace, Count of Boulogne, was one of the 12 Knights who went into England with William the Conqueror and fought at the Battle of Hastings in 1066. William the Conqueror's stepbrother, Odo, Bishop of Bayeux, became Earl of Kent, the same place as the first Estes are found.

For anyone who likes old photos, Larry mentions the website 'oldukphotos.com/churchphotos/home.htm'. The website was designed purely for the reason of displaying high resolution photographs of the Churches of Britain in the United Kingdom and Ireland, and you can order prints or submit your own photos or postcards. There is also a very emotional and heart-warming account of a 19 year old Estes man who died as a prisoner of war during the Korean War in 1951.

The bulk of the two issues gather research, family trees and stories of 'Estes' families in the USA. Larry says 'We are still looking for new articles and family trees. Please share!' Could all EFHS members pass to me (editor), or another committee member, any Estes (or variants) references that you find.

Next Time in Points East....

I have found another article on Edward East, written in 1950; firstly I need to see whether we have published it before and if not, will ask permission of Cambridge University to reproduce it in our journal. I need also to ask permission from The Daily Telegraph to use an article entitled 'Our Island Story is told in DNA'. Aside from those, I have no unused submissions! So please, please do continue writing your East-related stories, or any other facts about Easts, family trees, family photos, certificates etc and send them to me via post or email for future publication.

I look forward to being inundated by new material!!

We extend a warm welcome to the following new member :

New Member	Recorded Interests
295 ~ Mr Thomas Desmond 3, St Mary's Crescent, Blackhill, Consett, Co Durham, DH8 8PB Email: des.east@btinternet.com	'Just starting off, so everything East - my son found the society online'

Updates for Members :

Existing Members	Updated Interests
294 ~ Mr Adrian Pearson	Arthur Ernest East was his grandmother Alice's first husband

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

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- 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.
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- 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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