

POINTS *EAST*

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Please, please, when you write to us, date the letter

January 1993

From John and Andree East..... *Greetings!*

When researching the name East we soon found that there were many others doing the same thing. Instead of all working separately, might it not be a good idea to start an *East family history group to coordinate our efforts?* We asked nearly 100 others for their opinions.

Result, the *EAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP*. The inaugural meeting will be held on Saturday 20th March 1993, at the home of Bill East, 13 The Drive, Golders Green, London. This is very near the North Circular Road, handy for the end of the M1, and the A41, and for Brent Cross Tube station. The meeting starts at 2.30 pm. We hope to see you there, and **PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU CAN COME**, just phone Bill, 081 455 8667.

Meanwhile, we offer this first Newsletter, to get things started. The suggested aims are listed below. Elsewhere are listed some ideas for contributions to future Newsletters. If you would like to suggest changes or additions to the lists please do let us know. We also need your ideas for the front cover design.

Finally, we will send this out to all on our list of potential members, but the distribution of further Newsletters will be only to those do become members of the group. Already over 30 have said they will join, some of have already sent money, and several have offered to send in contributions to the journal. So, we are off to a flying start!

THE EAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP *proposed aims are*

- 1) To bring together all those who are interested in East ancestry, and the origins of the Easts.
- 2) To make *East* research easier,
 - a) by creating a clearing house for information on *all* East families, for use by all interested.

Aims continued.....

- 2 b) by publishing interesting results of research, for mutual benefit, and for the general public.
- c) by fostering ways of recording and exchanging date so that the researchers may work more effectively
- 3 To promote the conservation of documents and other materials of special interest, e.g. records of East monuments and their inscriptions.
- 4 To hold regular meetings of members of the *EAST FAMILY HISTORY GROUP* preferably at places of particular interest.

Ideas for regular features, and appeal for contributions

One feature in the centre of each issue will be a family tree. If of huge dimensions it may be necessary to show one line of documentation at a time, maybe restrict it to the male line. *Please send in copies of trees right away, together with any queries you have.*

Another feature will be a potted biography of a recent (probably) East, known for public service or for his/her achievement in a field such as art. Two such P.B.s are featured this month, on one page. (Very condensed!). Please send your offerings, up to 500 words, A.S.A.P.

In Commonwealth countries and in the U.S.A. and South Africa and Argentina, there are many descendants of the East immigrants and transportees. Other stories like that of Geoffrey Sharnan (p6-8) are just waiting to be told. *Please send us yours as soon as possible.*

What about Easts who are still with us, and contributing to the story of 20th century East achievements? In the fields of television and cricket, science, the law; no doubt you see references to them from time to time. So please let us have your newspaper cuttings, and any extracts from journals etc. *Please give source and date.*

Ideas and appeal continued.....

Good photographs of graves, showing all details clearly, likely to interest readers who are researching ancestors buried perhaps too far away for a personal visit. Does anyone know of monuments to Easts, not in churches?

News of the arrival of new Easts, marriages, and deaths, *are of interest to all our descendants*, not only to the immediate relatives concerned now. When asking a member of the family, about some distant relation, how often have you heard them admit that they have lost contact with, and don't know what has happened to the object of your search? Or they don't know when something happened?

Is there a compiler of crosswords among our readers? How about a genealogical puzzle from time to time?

This month's tree: **The East's of Shepperton and Bisley.**

This one came in from Mrs E V Portass, of 2 Hogarth Court, Darlington, Co. Durham DL3 7RR, England. She has been trying for some years to find out:

where John came from
the date and place of his baptism
the date of his marriage to Sarah (Sarah who?)

John's grandson, Edward Robert, and his wife Mary; appear in the 1971 census at Southbrook Street, Hammesmth. Here again...where and when were they married...Mary nee?

Perhaps a reader can throw some light on this family; a family Bible, or a will, maybe. Valerie looks forward to answers.

Valerie has a copy of a large printed tree, with notes, on the Easts of Woodchurch, Frittenden, and London. This was compiled by Gerald East, and runs to 7 sheets. For £1.00 inc. post. Valerie will send you copies.

EASTS DOWN UNDER

By Dr Geoffrey B Shannan, Evandale, Tasmania

The Transported Easts

During its first 50 years as a British possession Tasmania was known as Van Diemens Land, or V.D.L., and was a penal colony. Free settlers also arrived during that time, but of the Europeans who came before 1853 70,000 were convicts. Thirteen bore the name of EAST. Forenames and convictions were:-

Ann	Ripon, Yorks.	Dec. 1833	7 yrs
Charles	Bucks. Quarter Sessions	Dec. 1839	14 yrs
Edward	London Central Criminal Court	Jan. 1837	7 yrs
James	Middlesex Quarter Sessions	Oct. 1830	7 yrs
James	Cambridge Quarter Sessions	Jan. 1842	7 yrs
John	Aylesbury Special Commission	Jan. 1831	7 yrs
John	Devon Assizes	Mar. 1840	10 yrs
Thomas	Oxford Assizes	Mar. 1824	Life
Thomas	Berks. Assizes	Mar. 1827	Life
William	Essex Assizes	July 1810	7 yrs
William	London Central Criminal Court	Sept. 1840	10 yrs
William	Cambridge Quarter Sessions	Oct. 1841	7 yrs
William	Hereford Quarter Sessions	Mar. 1945	7 yrs

John East, 1809-1857

John was arrested on 29th Nov. 1830, being one of a mob of between 300 and 500 "swing" rioters, outside the paper mill of W R Davis, at Loudwater, near High Wycombe. The constable who arrested him said "John East was in the mill yard with the mob. He was fighting his way through the mob to face the special constables. He had nothing in his hand. When he came to us I took him into custody". John was then 21 years old, and as he was a mere 5ft 1in tall, and totally unarmed, his arrest cannot have presented much difficulty.

He had married Charlotte Blizard at Harefield, Middlesex, August 22nd 1830. Their son, William, whom John possibly never saw, was baptized at High Wycombe, on 29th December, 1830 while his father was in gaol, awaiting trial.

Some readers may want to remove the family tree from the centre of the Newsletter, for their own file or collection. We will use the pages backing onto the tree for "Information Wanted" notices, and letters, and advertisements, which should leave the rest of the Newsletter unspoiled

Information Wanted - No. 1

Pat Murry, of Mirfield, is looking for Easts in East Nottingham, Northants, about 1700 and Easts in the Sawtry/Alconbury area of Huntingdonshire in the 19th century.

*S.O.S. - information about Sandra Dawn East, born Kettering, Northants, 31 Jan 46. Please 'phone Mrs P V Murry - 0924 495397

Information Wanted - No 2

John and Andrée East are stuck - an ancestor - John East was married to Sarah Hammond at Stoke-by-Hayland, Suffolk. He was baptised about 1682, but when? and who were his parents? We think this may lead up towards Sudbury.

EAST's of Shepperton & Bisley, Surrey

farmer
John = Sarah
C circa 1792
M circa 1814
+ 28/11/1816
aged 24

Edward Robert = Martha Loveland
B 22/8/1815 B circa 1816
Shoe-maker M
and + 1891 Q2 2c 313 + 1899 Q4 2c 300
farmer aged 76 aged 84

John

Caroline Edward Robert Martha Alfred Rose Hannah Rosetta Sarah Jane Henrietta Esther John William
B8/12/1836 B28/1/1838 B17/11/1839 B13/5/1841 B25/5/1844 B13/7/1845 B3/2/1849 B24/4/1851 B29/5/1853 B18/6/1855
Chobham Chobham Chobham Chobham Chobham Chobham Bisley Bisley Bisley Bisley
+16/11/1847 M Mary E? Wm. Knight Kensington M 1865 +13/6/1844 M6/9/1870 G.Chandler Guildford

Edward Fred Caroline E Emily Martha
B 1862 B 1864 B 1865 B /2/1871
Chertsey Chobham Chobham Hammersmith

1891 Q2 2c 313 = GR0 reference
Year 1891, 2nd Quarter, Volume 2c, Page 313.



On 12th January 1831 John East was acquitted when charged with having ‘unlawfully assembled...and having destroyed certain machinery at the paper mill of W R Davis’. Next day he was further indicted ‘for having destroyed certain machines at Chapping Wycombe the property of Mr W R Davis’. (Bucks. Gazette 15 Jan 1831.) The authorities were presumably determined that none of the few arrested should escape punishment, although it must have been obvious that John East could not have destroyed machinery at the Davis mill. He did not go in to the mill at all, and was arrested before the machinery was broken, or, at worst, while it was being broken by those already inside. He was convicted without further trial, ‘judgement of death’ was recorded, which was commuted by the Crown to 7 years transportation.

John East received a free pardon on 1st August 1835, but it took time for instructions from London to reach colonial authorities, so his pardon was not promulgated until 3rd February 1836. At the time he was on ‘ticket of leave’, and free to work anywhere in the Australian colonies. He was free to return to England, and it may be that he chose not to do so because he had heard that his wife, Charlotte, had died.

On 22nd May, 1840 he married Sarah Hambury, at St. Matthews Church, New Norfolk, V.D.L. They had four children, Eliza Rebecca, the eldest, who subsequently married George Sharnan, and sons John, George, and Robert. There were 34 grandchildren, only the first was born before John died. *John East* was the grandfather of the author.

I am producing a family tree, and an account of the descendants of John and Sarah in Australia. I would like to know more about the English forebears of John East. What happened to his family who remained in England?

Parents, Robert a paper-maker, and Hannah East who lived near Rickmansworth, Herts.

Brothers, Robert also a paper-maker, Joseph and possibly, William.

They were with Robert and Hannah in 1831. At the time the 1841 census the parents were alone at Betchworth, Heath Road, Rickmansworth.

Robert senior was baptised in High Wycombe, 25th March 1781. He was apparently the fourth child, and second son of Joseph and Martha East. The other children were Thomas, Mary, Martha, Hannah, and John.

What happened to John's wife and child after he was transported? At Hertford (or in Hertfordshire?) she was a papermaker in 1831, but so far no later trace of her has been found. Was William with her, or had he been left with his grandparents, Robert and Hannah?

Among the data we (John and Andree) hold are extracts from G.R.O. files of births, marriages and deaths from 1841 to 1952, courtesy of Bill East who dug them out and sent them to us for entering into our computer.

We also have a considerable amount of data from parish registers, from IGI files, and from various indexes such as Browns, Boyds, etc., and from other East researchers.

We have some family trees, sent to us, in addition to our own branch's trees. We would like to expand this activity, publish them in the Newsletter, and in any case list them for members use where applicable.

It would be nice to establish a bank of East ancestors photographs. We have been sent many by relations, and a few by members of other East families. How many family snaps languish in envelopes and cardboard boxes, unlabelled? For the sake of those who will eventually be researching you, do please label them showing relationships, and send them in, for publication.

Some readers probably have records of their East trees of a quality to make ours look amateurish, so please let us know what you have and can share. At future meetings it would be of great interest to see them displayed.

Personal trips to distant Record Offices can mean long and expensive journeys. Perhaps some members who live near Record Offices could carry out small searches for other members whilst there. Any volunteers please?

Wills 1. Nicholas East

Nicholas East of Stanford within the parish of Southill in the County of Bedford, yeoman. 12th April, 1649

To my wife Agnes East the bedstead and bedding now in the custody of William Rudd, her youngest son, and my cottage nigh Shefford's bridge wherein Ralph the Glover now dwelleth, for and during her natural life, and after her decease unto my son Nicholas East, his heirs and assigns, forever.

I give until John Rochford and to Margaret Squire forty shillings apiece, being my first wife's children.

I give and bequeath unto my three daughters, Agnes Abthorp, Elizabeth Barly and Mary Thurgood, fifty pounds apiece, and to their children twenty pounds to be divided amongst them, as well to those which are already born as also to those which shall be born during my life..

To James Aplthorp, William Barly and John Thurgood, my sons in law, the first and next gift and disposition of the rectory or parish church of Clifton in the county of Bedford in trust and in confidence that they or the longest liver of them shall bestow the same with all the rights and members thereunto belonging upon my son Nicholas East, if he doth survive Isak Bedford, the incumbent: if otherwise, then on some learned man who they shall think fit and worthy of the same.

To my brother William East my wearing apparell and in money three shillings four pence, to be payed him quarterly during his life.

To my son John Thurgood gent, who I make whole executor of this last will and testament the residue of my goods &c.

Whereas I did will, give &c, to my three daughters fifty pounds apiece I do thus alter and change the aforesaid legacy to my said three daughters viz. I give unto the said Agnes Aplthorp, Elizabeth Barly and Mary Thurgood one hundred pounds to be equally divided amongst them.

Michael Est (also spelt Est, Este, Easte)

(1580? - 1680?)

Thought to have been a son of the printer, Thomas East, Michael was a composer of madrigals in the 17th century. His first work appears to have been "Hence, stars too dim of light" published in 1603, in honour of Queen Elizabeth.

When later compositions were published his name's spelling varied from Est to Este to East, according to the Dictionary of National Biography. He was a retainer of Lady Hatton, widow of Sir Christopher Hatton, in 1606 when his second set of madrigals was published. By 1610 when his third set of compositions appeared he was a "Batchelar of Musicke", and at some time during the next eight years he became master of the choristers of Lichfield Cathedral. From the dedication of his sixth set of Bookes, wherein are Anthemes for Verses and Chorus of Five and Six Parts etc. to the Bishop of Lincoln. it appears that Michael had secured a life pension from the Bishop. His last composition seems to have been in 1638, which work was re-issued in 1653.

Just how important Michael's work was considered at the time is not known, but as he was quite young compared with the masters of the madrigal form, and some of his work deviated from the accepted form, he may have been an important link between them and the school of Henry Purcell.

Sir James Buller East

1789 - 1878

Sir James was the eldest son of Sir Edward Hyde East, and was born in Bloomsbury 1st February, 1789. He was called to the bar of the Inner Temple in February 1789. He succeeded to the baronetcy on the death of his father in 1847. He married Caroline Eliza Leight 27th June 1822. He sat as M.P. for Winchester 1830-1832, and 1835-1864. He was magistrate and deputy-Lieutenant, Gloucestershire and magistrate for Oxfordshire.