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THE FRONT COVER ILLUSTRATION

At least four centuries old is this house, 39 St. John's Street, Bedford. It has an interesting story, which has been written by its present occupant, Mr. F. W. Kuhlicke after an exhaustive study of the records of St. John's parish. It stands right opposite its "landlord", the Church and Hospital of St. John the Baptist, which has a still older story to tell. The house has been wonderfully preserved, the present tenant has a proper care and love for it, and it

combines old-world atmosphere, comfort and comeliness in a remarkable degree. A Bedford coroner, Mr. Dixie Gregory, lived here in the latter part of the 17th century, and after him Mr. William Thurnall, a surgeon, who was succeeded by Mr. J. Shepherd Smith. Standing in the garden from which this sketch was made, one can realize how quiet and pleasant Old Bedford must have been.

EDITORIAL

By the time you read this issue of the Journal I'm sure your email inbox will be stuffed full of messages relating to the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and Data Privacy. On page 13 of the *Journal* we have a piece from Noel Evans which explains how GDPR will affect Bedfordshire Family History Society—I encourage you to read it.

For the *Journal* there are also some implications. If you are submitting an article for publication, and you include your name at the end of the piece that is taken as your consent for your name to be printed.

If you send the article without your name specifically on it, even if the accompanying message says something like: "*Here's something for the Journal [name]*" then I shall

be obliged to seek your agreement before printing your name.

To try and minimise the communications please do make your requirements known when you make your submission, i.e. am I ok to print your name yes or no ? The decision is entirely yours of course.

I was reminded that November this year will mark the centenary of the end of the Great War. If you'd like to submit any related material it would be gratefully received. I did wonder if the society has a collection of photographs of war memorials across the county ? That would be an interesting project. Just a thought.

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PROGRAMME

1 JUN	AGM + QUIZ	
6 JUL	BEDFORD'S OLD INDUSTRIES	DAVID FOWLER
7 SEP	THE MANY WAYS OF COUNTING OUR DAYS	COLIN OAKES
12 OCT	THE FUTURE OF FAMILY HISTORY	DR NICK BARRATT
2 NOV	COLONEL FRED BURNABY – VICTORIAN SUPERMAN	AMANDA GOODY
7 DEC	MY FIFTIETH GREAT GRANDFATHER	NORMAN HOLDING

FUTURE MEETING DATES 2018/19

2019: 11 JAN, 1 FEB, 1 MAR

MEETING VENUE

MARK RUTHERFORD SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE,
WENTWORTH DRIVE, BEDFORD MK41 8PX (by Mowsbury Park)

Doors open at 19:00, talk commences at 19:30
Bookstall and library also available

The **CLOSING DATE** for articles to be published in the
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If possible, please supply by email (to journal@bfhs.org.uk)



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ASSAULT ON A WOMAN BY A SURGEON

Another story from my “Crew” archives

Ed. Sincere apologies to Valerie who submitted this article over a year ago. For various reasons it slipped through my net and thanks to a gentle reminder I have now published.

In today’s local papers, this headline would have appeared on the front page accompanied by photographs and comments from the neighbours. Comments would also appear on Facebook and Twitter. However In the Hertfordshire Mercury for Saturday August 28 1847 this item appears on an inside page under the Quarter Sessions Court held in St. Albans. The woman in this article is a twig on one of the branches of my Crew family tree.

On Saturday evening 14 August 1847 Mary Crew aged about 30 years was walking thorough the fields from Ayot St Lawrence to Codicote when she was nearing a park she was accosted by a man riding a horse who asked her the way to Kimpton, having answered his question she proceeded on her way through the fields, but before she had gone far she saw the same person who having left his horse in the road was walking hurriedly towards her, when he caught up with her he grabbed her and “commenced taking indecent liberties” Mary struggled with him, got away and ran to the next field near Codicote Mill, here the man caught up with her again, threw her

down and renewed his attempts to assault her, but without success. He then offered her half-a-crown to say nothing about what had happened, this she refused and threatened to make enquiries about him with a view to punish him. As you can imagine she was bruised and exhausted when she arrived at Codicote.

It was ascertained that the man in question was James Peter Tunstall a physician, a married man who lived in Wheathampstead and practised in that village as a surgeon, Mary told her story to a Magistrate who issued a warrant for his arrest. Tunstall, was taken into custody and committed to the Liberty Sessions for trial. In his defence Tunstall denied the charges and said it was a “case got up by the female for the purpose of extorting money”. At first he was not able to procure bail and so was committed to prison, but later bail was granted with the surety of £100 of his own money and £50 each from two friends James Andrews of Dunstable and James Stratford of Amersham.

In October 1847 the case came to trial and Tunstall was charged with intent to commit rape, however Tunstall had “done a runner” and failed to turn up. James Andrews and James Stratford were therefore ordered to forfeit the bail money. Unfortunately James Andrews didn’t have the money ,which resulted in

him being sent to prison. In January 1848 Andrews appeared in court complaining of the way he was treated in prison, saying that he had a poorer diet than convicted felons, and that he had done everything in his power to find Tunstall. He asked to be discharged but was told that if he did not pay the money, his discharge could only be obtained from the Secretary of State. Luckily James Andrews had friends in Dunstable where he lived and many spoke up in his favour, this resulted in his release in April 1848. The magistrate stated that as the crime committed by Tunstall was of a serious nature it should be advertised in the "Hue and Cry" and a description of him should be sent to "The Head Police Office"

So what have I been able to find out about Mary Crew and James Tunstall apart from these entries in the newspapers, Tunstall appears in the 1841 census for Dunstable living in the High Street with another young man. He was age 25, a M.D. and not born in the county. On September 9 1841 in Dunstable he married Elizabeth Clarke she was the daughter of George Clarke an Innkeeper and Postmaster in Dunstable. On his marriage certificate Tunstall gives his father as James Tunstall also a physician, he is "of full age". Unfortunately I have not been able to find out where James Tunstall was born (on his marriage certificate he gives his full names as James Peter Edward), On 21 July 1842 a son Edward was baptised in Dunstable, a year later on

7 November another son was baptised in Dunstable, he was not given a name so I presume he died very soon after the baptism. February 20 1846 son number three named James Anthony Turnbull was baptised this time in Welford Northamptonshire, father's name given as Edward Peter with his wife Elizabeth. They were said to be from Dunstable and Edward Peter Tunstall, occupation was listed as surgeon, so it seems that they were the same couple. Unfortunately the child didn't live long as on 1 March 1846 he was buried in Welford churchyard father's name this time is James Peter Edward Tunstall. Looking to find him in further census, no luck, I also looked at the death registers and was surprised to find how many variations of "James Tunstall" there were perhaps he changed his name or fled abroad. His wife Elizabeth is still in Dunstable in 1851 as a lodger in Middle Row with her son James Anthony. Elizabeth was born in Newport Bucks, baptised in the parish church on 6th October 1820. In the 1861 census Elizabeth was a visitor in Kensington, she was listed as a widow, and I think she died in Kensington in September 1873.

I now turn to Mary Crew née Rainsden, the daughter of William and Ann Rainsden, she was born on 12 May 1819 and baptised in Wheathampstead on July 25 of that year. In 1841 she married Vincent Crew (known as Vince) the son of Ephraim and Mary Ann Crew. Vince

and Mary had three children but only one of them Mary Ann born in 1842 survived to adulthood. In 1847 at the time of the assault Mary had been abandoned by her husband and I assume she had returned to live with her family in Wheathampstead as that is where she is in the 1851 census.

In April 1853 Mary Ann made a second marriage to John Bent with whom she had two sons Charles and John, but happiness wasn't to last as John Bent died in March 1858. Subsequent census find her either with her Rainsden family or with her children by John Bent.

The only other information I can find about Mary and to protect her marriage to John Bent, comes again from the newspapers, 18 December 1858, Applications for a Protection under the Divorce Act. Mrs Crew of Wheathampstead applied for a protection against her husband. Mrs Crew stated that on the 4 January 1841 she was married to Vincent Crew with whom she lived for 4 years and by whom she had 3 children, one of whom a girl age 17 years alone survived and who was dependant on her. In the month of

March 1845 her husband deserted her without any apparent cause or reasonable excuse, there had been no previous quarrel, and she could not assign any motive for his conduct, except that she had heard he went off with a girl from Luton, she had never heard from him since, and did not know whether he was living or dead. Latterly she had become entitled to a sum of £147 under the will of a Mrs Rainsden and she wished to protect her property. In April 1853 about 7 years after my husband left me I entered into a second marriage with John Bent who died 3 March 1858 and with whom I have two children. A Rebecca Dunham confirmed the evidence and after a short consultation the bench granted an order of protection.

It is difficult finding the correct death date for these people as their names are quite common, I believe Vince Crew died in Hitchin in 1851 but his whereabouts between leaving Mary and his death are unknown Mary was alive when the 1881 census was taken and I believe she died in 1889

□

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CARTWRIGHTS – CORRESPONDENCE

The article "*The Cartwrights of Biggleswade*", by Susan Canty, in the *March Journal*, generated some interest. I passed on a message from our Librarian, John Partridge to say that they have some common ancestry through the PARTRIDGE

line. It transpires that they also have a shared calling; Susan's profession was librarianship.

It just goes to show that it is indeed a small world.

□

Ed.

EARLY POOR LAW RECORDS IN BEDFORDSHIRE AND THEIR USE FOR GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH – *Part 2*

Part 2 of Mark Tressider's fascinating article on Poor Law Records. Apologies are also due as I omitted to publish the bibliography with part 1 and I also missed several source references. These are now included in full.

Bastardy Papers

Support of illegitimate children was a concern to parish officials, who would take steps to ensure that the children did not become a burden on the poor relief of their parish. Bedfordshire Archives and Record Services hold documents relating to the processes that the officials went through to resolve the settlement and maintenance of illegitimate children.

Firstly, a Bastardy Examination was held in which the mother would be questioned before a justice, under oath to determine the identity of the father. The examinations reveal details of: the mother's name and parish; date of the examination; whether the child has been born and if so, when and where born. The children's names are not given, being referred to as either a male or female bastard child. The reputed father's name, parish and occupation is recorded. The examinations are also signed or marked by the mother's giving an indication of their literacy.

For example the examination of Susanna Levitt records:

Bedfordshire to wit, The examination

of Susanah Levitt of the Parish of Northill in the said County

Single Woman, taken upon oath before us two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace in and for the said County of Bedford this twenty fourth Day of April in the Year of our Lord 1811

This Examinant, on her Oath, doth declare that on Friday the First Day of March now last past, at her Mothers House in the Parish of Northill in the County aforesaid, she the said Susanah Levitt was delivered of a Female Bastard Child and that the said Bastard Child is become chargeable to the said Parish of Northill; and that Samuel Price of the Parish of Northill in the said County labourer did get her with Child of the said Bastard Child

Susanah Levitt x her Mark

Taken and signed the Day and Year above written before us Francis Pym, Samuel Whitbread

Once the reputed father had been named the parish overseers would seek out the father to pay maintenance. If he had absconded or refused to pay maintenance a warrant may have been issued to have him appear and answer the charges of being the reputed father.

The order gives the name and parish of the mother, and if after birth the sex of her child. It also records the name of the reputed father, his parish

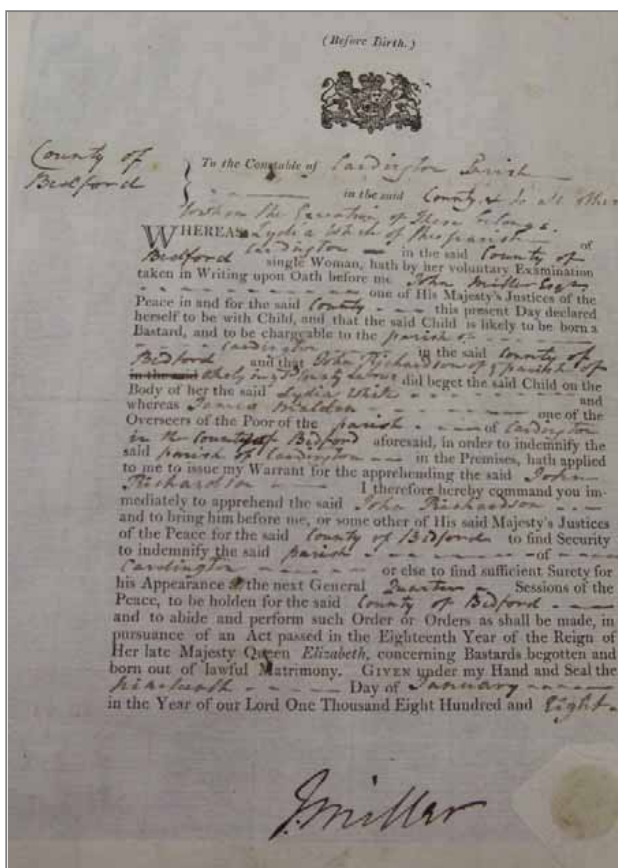


Figure 4: Warrant to Apprehend John Richardson

and occupation if know.

If the father admitted responsibility for the child a Bastardy Bond may have been raised, in which he or another bondsman pledged to indemnify the parish from charges relating to the child. The bond names the bondsman, or men and their places of residence. It also names the mother and her parish of settlement. If the bond was raised after birth the child's name, age or date of birth

may also be given. The bondsman was often the father, but this is not always stated.

If the father refused to admit responsibility a Bastardy Order could be issued by the local justices, ordering that he pay maintenance. The order names the mother, date and place of the child's birth and their gender. The reputed father is named, along with their parish and occupation. Without having 'showed

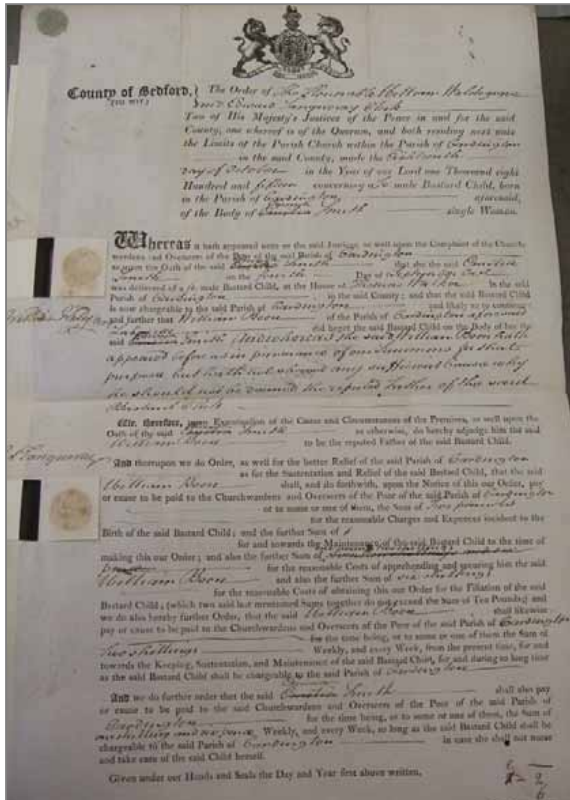


Figure 5: Bastardy Order for William Boon

any sufficient cause why he should not be deemed to be the father' he is adjudged to be so and ordered to reimburse the parish for the costs incurred during birth and to pay maintenance for the child.

It should not be assumed that all mothers of illegitimate children were spinsters, as births could take place to mothers who were widows or whose husbands were away, perhaps on military service.

Overseers Accounts

Parish Overseers were required to keep accounts detailing receipts and payments of money made in their duties to the parish and its poor. Where they exist they are the richest source of names relating to the poor law, detailing not just the paupers receiving relief, but also tradesmen, doctors, midwives and others, being paid for their services.

The example page from the overseers' accounts for Cardington dated 22 April 1817 shown below, lists payments to the men on rounds,

payments to the ill, payments for schooling, and the payments of weekly pensions to the widows of Harrowden.

Payments in the accounts may also reveal other details about the parishioners mentioned in them. The overseers record of expenses for taking a pauper for examination or removal, might be the only record of the event where the examination and removal documents do not exist. The accounts may also record payments to midwives for attendance at a birth, providing a clue to a child's date of birth when the baptismal records do not exist. They can also inform of the death of a pauper when the overseer documents expenses for arranging their burial. The accounts can therefore provide a valuable insight to the lives of the poor, and other parishioners through the events that they record. □

Mark Tressider

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Harrowden	110
Widow Foster 5 lbs	90
Widow Wilson 3	120
Widow Hounley 3	120
Widow Huckle 3	60
Widow Jordan 3	60
Widow Mitchell 3	60
Widow Field 3	60
Carried Forward	189 9 6 1/2

Figure 6: Page from Cardington Overseers Accounts Book 22 April 1817

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LIBRARY NEWS


Members Portal

We have another PDF journal from a fellow society available on the Members' Portal of the BFHS website which is *Descent*, from the Society of Australian Genealogists.

Bedford Local History Magazine

Bob Ricketts who was speaker at our February meeting has kindly donated to the library 7 back copies from 2014 to 2017 of this local history magazine together with an Illustrated Guide and Map of Bedford and a McConnells' Property Register for Bedford.

Beds FHS Facebook page

In March's journal I reported that we had 634 'likes' as at 26 January. We have had more and we have now reached 663 'likes' and 679 followers as at 7 May. Good going. Don't forget you can invite your friends to like the page. 

Thanks

John Partridge, Librarian

THE GDPR: HOW WILL IT AFFECT YOUR SOCIETY?

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is due to become law before this journal is published. For some months now the Information Commissioner's Office has been sending out information and advice and the Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) has given its advice on how this will apply to family history societies. In March Geoff Sewell and Noel Evans attended a talk arranged by the FFHS on what steps a family history society should take to make sure that it is complying with the GDPR. We agreed that this talk and the notes handed out with it were very helpful. Will we have to change the way BFHS operates? I think that the honest answer to this is, 'Not much' and that you will notice very little difference. Most of what we do already complies with GDPR: what we will have to do is to record what we do with 'personal data', explain why we are doing it and justify what

we are doing, all in a 'Data Protection Policy'. Producing that policy will mean a lot of work for the committee and some others. When it is finished we will make it available to you, probably by putting it on the BFHS web site.

How may it affect you? One example is that if you write something for the *Journal* and include a living person's name you will have to get their consent to do so. (*I've mentioned Geoff above, so I'll have to get his consent before I send this in.*) Also you must make it clear whether or not you wish your name to appear at the bottom of your work. If you don't, the editor will probably be replying to you to ask. (*We don't want to insult you by not attributing all that hard work to you when you expected us to.*)

We're still at quite an early stage in the process. There's a lot of detail to be worked through yet. □

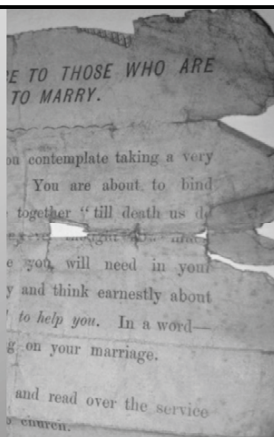
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FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD LIBRARY

The Society has taken part in a new venture helping with a workshop held by Dr Kathryn Faulkner, of the Bedfordshire Archives. held at Leighton Buzzard Library.

On a snowy morning in March Lynn Manning and Mary Wooldridge went to the library to help Kathryn with this event. We were gratified to find despite the weather that there were so many people who wanted to take part in this event. Many of them were going to stay on to do the Local History workshop in the afternoon. It proved so popular that we had to draft in extra helpers.

The workshop was a two hour morning event introducing the participants to family history research. The aim was to give them a broad overview of the type of sources available online, at the library and at the Bedfordshire Archives, with hands-on activities showing how they can be used. Kathryn put together a case study with exercises in which the participants had specific information to find. The assistance Lynn and Mary and the other volunteers provided was mainly general hand-holding and encouragement, helping the people when they got stuck on the tasks that Kathryn had set them. They had

notes in advance on what she planned to cover and what the activities were.

Kathryn started with a general introduction to family history sources then the participants were divided into pairs to do some research using Ancestry, the British Newspaper Archive and the Bedfordshire Archives' catalogue.

Kathryn used a man called EDWIN HALFORD and his immediate family as a case study. Edwin was a jeweller who ran a shop in the Market Square at Leighton Buzzard for about thirty years from the 1880s onwards. One of his sons became the manager of a local ironworks, one served in the Army in the First World War, and two of his daughters were VADs. Kathryn had managed to find quite a bit of information about the family from a variety of sources, and split this up into manageable chunks for people to research. One pair looked at the censuses, another pair at the British Newspaper Archive, and another at the directories and electoral registers.

Mary and Lynn got a great deal out of this exercise and are looking forward to taking part in something similar in the future. □

Mary Wooldridge



REMINDER

The CLOSING DATE for articles to be published in the
September 2018 *Journal* is
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SUFFOLK FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

Bedfordshire Family History Society has booked a table at the Suffolk Family History Society Fair, which will be held on Saturday 27 October at the University of Suffolk, Ipswich. This will be an opportunity for any of our members who are in that area to come and say, "hello".

We'd love to see you, especially if you can't get to our monthly meetings in Bedford, which, if you live near Ipswich, you probably can't. As usual, we'll have a range of Bedfordshire family history materials available and we will try to answer any questions about family history in Bedfordshire.

The venue is: **University of Suffolk Waterfront Building**, 19 Neptune Quay, and there will be free parking available very close to the building, near IP3 8AH.



Noel Evans

GLEANINGS FROM LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

I've come across a number of articles headed The Bedford Charity regarding *Marriage Portions to Poor Maidens* which are described in **Account of Public Charities in the Town of Bedford**, published 1828, thus: The sum of £800 yearly is to be distributed out of charity funds, by quarterly payments, in marriage portions of £20 each, to ten poor maidens of the town of Bedford, of good fame and reputation. Each poor maiden, resident in Bedford, between ages of 18 and 50 years, and a daughter of a resident householder of 10 years standing has to make a petition to the clerk of the Trustees prior to the marriage. Her intended husband must also be a person of good reputation.

Bedford Mercury 6 October 1838

Eight poor maidens succeeded in their petition for Marriage Portions of £20 each, as follows:

Girl's name	Name and trade of intended husband
Ann DAZELEY	Josiah GAWTHORN, shoemaker
Mary FRANCIS	Samuel LEE, coachmaker
Jane HALFHEAD	John FARMER, ironmoulder
Mary Ann NEAL	Thomas WHITE, shoemaker
Sarah SMITH	Samuel MIDDLETON, bricklayer
Eliza Ann TAYLOR	William TAYLOR, servant
Martha WARD	Henry GUDGEON, baker
Sarah Shortland WEST	William BACHELOR, grocer

Two were unsuccessful, Betsey IVES and Hannah WILES, their parents not having occupied houses ten years

previous to the petition.

Bedford Mercury 8 October 1842

Elizabeth MAYES, Mary KITCHING, Harriet Ann THODY, Jane CLARK and Louisa ROBINSON were declared entitled to the Marriage Portions of £20 each. Five Marriage Portions remain over without applicants.

From Bedford Mercury 6 April 1844

The following 'poor maidens of good repute' were granted the Marriage Portions:

Mary HICKMAN aged 18 of Well Street; intended husband George WARREN aged 18, plait bleacher of Luton.

Mary LINFORD aged 46 of Dame Alice Street; intended husband Robert FLANDERS age 41, carpenter of Mill Street Bedford.

Georgina Amelia LINE age 20 of St. Marys; intended husband William DEWEY age 25, plasterer of Biggleswade.

Sophia MANTON age 21 of Well Street; intended husband William TUNN age 39, blacksmith of Boswell Court, Bedford.

Elizabeth HILL age 26 of Ram Yard; intended husband John SMITH age 21, labourer of Well Street, Bedford.

Susannah SEAR age 35 of St. Marys; intended husband George SMITH age 29, wheelwright of Cauldwell Street, Bedford.

Martha Moor BELL age 22 of Becket street; intended husband William

BOYD age 23, tailor of Newport Pagnell.

Ann BURROWS age 25 of St. Mary's; intended husband Walter P SHIRLEY age 28, grocer of Well Street, Bedford.

Mary TEEDON age 25 of Greenhill Street; intended husband George COLLEDGE age 28, shoemaker of Hitchin.

Bedford Mercury 9 January 1847

The following were the successful applicants for the Marriage Portions:-

Martha SWANNELL of Pilcroft Street; Alfred PEARSON, harness maker, Bedford

Rebecca MAYES of Dame Alice Street; John LITCHFIELD, brewer, Tavistock Street

Susanna BRADSHAW of Ampthill Street; Henry CLARKE, railway porter, Bedford

Sophia MILLER of Mill Street; Rowland HILL, printer, High Street

Lucy BRANSON of Bedford; Charles DANIELS, horse dealer, Earls Barton

Bedford Mercury 7 July 1849

Sarah Maria JELLY was allowed a Marriage Portion; her intended husband Henry ASCHURCH, organ builder of Rushden, Northants. They were married at Howard Chapel.

Bedford Mercury 6 April 1850

The following were the successful applicants for the Marriage Portions:

Eliza WOOTON age 23 to George GARRET age 27, organist of

Bedford St. Pauls

Elizabeth LITCHFIELD age 22 to
George KING age 21, baker of
Felmersham

Phoebe SHEPPERD age 20 Harpur
St. to Alfred FARMER age 22,
plumber of Biggleswade

Emma COLLINS age 24 to Charles
WHITE age 25, brick and tile burner
of Bedford

Ellen HOWELL age 23 to Henry
Hames HORNE age 22, fireman of
Amphill Street.

Bedford Mercury 5 October 1850

The following applicants drew lots
for the Marriage Portions:

Ellen WALKER age 24 St. Pauls to
Thomas CARELESS age 22, tailor of
Bedford

Rose LEVY age 22 Tavistock Street
to Mark BENTWITCH age 22,
clothier of Cambridge

Sophia BROWNHILL age 27 Priory
Street to William COX age 33, baker
of Hawnes

Caroline STEBBING age 21
Amphill St. to James SIMPSON age
27, policeman of Marston

Mary CUNVIN age 22 Well Street to
James ALLARD age 21, dealer of
Northampton

The following application was
deferred for 3 months:

Ellen BANKS age 19 Offa Street to
R A LEVEREMORE age 26,
watchmaker of Offa Street

These were withdrawn:

Jane LINE to George CHILDS age
22, labourer of London

Mary WILMOT age 29 Potter Street
to Daniel SHARP age 28,
stonemason of London.

Bedford Mercury 13 January 1855

The following applicants were
allowed their Marriage Portions:

Ann FRANCIS of St. Peters with
George WARWICK, shepherd of
Ravensden

Alice EMMONEY of Well Street
with George BARNARD, blacksmith
of Bedford

Anna Mara GOSTLING of Gwyn
Street with Tomas DOODY, minister
of Chatham

Susannah COOK with George
KING, currier

Emma TEEDON with Henry
BROWN, shoemaker of Hitchin

Eliza FLOOD with Thomas
BROWN, carpenter of Kimbolton

Ann TOMPKINS of St. Cuthbert's
with William KING, labourer of
Stagsden

Bedfordshire Times 9 April 1859

The following young maidens were
the successful candidates for the
Marriage Portions:

Ann LILLEY Hawes Street to
Frederick JENKINSON, stonemason
of Bedford

Rachel KEMP Castle Lane to Joseph
MANTLE, carpenter of Bedford

Emma MAYS High Street to James
MUSTLE, cabinet maker of
Northampton

Mary Ann BRITTON St. Cuthbert's
to William FOWLER, smith of

Bedford.

Ann Julia SWIFT Greenhill Street to William HUTCHINGS, labourer of Biddenham.

Eliza BEECH Greyfriars Walk to George F MOODY, grocer of London.

Martha Ann GIDDINGS St.Marys to John B CRAVEN, clerk of London.

Garling Elizabeth RISLEY Hawes Street to Elkanah ELDERKIN, tailor of Bedford.

Bedford Mercury 8 October 1860

The following were the successful applicants for the Marriage Portions: Frances COX 35 to Joseph LOW 30, bricklayer of Farrer Street.

Mary Ann SMITH 21 to Immanuel ASHWELL 32, carter of Kempston

Mary Ann CAMBERS 22 to Francis MORLEY 24, turner & fitter of Hassett Street.

Emma FAIREY to Thomas PORTER 22, fitter of Pilcroft Street.

Ann KNIGHT 21 to Samuel YEOMANS 26, currier of

Northampton.

Maria WHEATLEY 23 to Edwin ELLIS 20, labourer of Bedford.

Julia Jane PRIOR 27 to Samuel GEORGE 26, confectioner of Harpur Street.

Harriet SMITH 22 to George KNIGHT 23, publisher of London

Emma PURSER 33 to Thomas FIELD 37, accountant of Greyfriars Walk.

Elizabeth BRYANT 26 to William ARMSTRONG 25, nurseryman of Union Street.

Bedfordshire Times 7 January 1862

The following maidens obtained Marriage Portions; with intended husbands:

Eliza DUNTON to John R EVERETT, coachsmith of Bedford

Martha Garside CLOUGH to J P WILLIAMS, foreign missionary of Canterbury.

Martha TILCOCK to Isaac PACK, cabinet maker of Bedford.

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Mary Scott WOODWARD to Thomas PEER, compositor of Bedford

There were nine candidates but Ann LETT, Rebecca DEACON and Elizabeth KEMP, having been unsuccessful at the last drawing, had the portion granted today.

Also the following maidens will receive theirs next quarter:-

Mary Ann RICHARDSON to Samuel BOND, miller of Bedford

Sarah BARRINGER to T HAYNES, labourer of Keysoe

Louisa GILBERT to Alfred CHERRY, plumber of Bedford

Martha NEGUS to John STOCK, wheelwright of Bedford

Sarah LEVY to Abraham JACOBS, commercial traveller of London

Bedford Mercury 4 October 1862

The following maidens obtained Marriage Portions; with intended husbands:

Eliza L STONEBANKS 21 Castle Lane to Cyrus F COLLETT 23, bookbinder of Worthing.

Jane LITCHFIELD 21 St. Johns to James R THOMPSON 25, Coal dealer of St. Johns.

Elizabeth SMITH 33 Gwyn Street to W J ROBINSON 29, printer of Silver Street.

Sarah PLOWMAN 33 Tavistock Street to Tames TAYLOR 33, schoolmaster of Gt. Barford.

Elizabeth E ASTELL 31 to Jesse THOMPSON 41, labourer of Harrowden.

Charlotte NEWMAN 21 Harper St. to Joseph CARTER 30, shoemaker, Northampton.

Mary Annie NORMAN 42 to Samuel SMITH 60, shoemaker of Yardley.

Bedford Mercury 8 October 1864

The following unsuccessful candidates at the last drawing took Marriage Portions:

Fanny ASHPOLE, Sarah Ann COURSE, Eliza Ann CRADDOCK, Louisa Jane DIEMER, Mary Ann Fossey PRIOR, Frances SMITH & Martha WHITE.

List of new applicants with their intended husbands:

Fanny BETTLES 24 Greyfriars Walk with William EATON 24, smith of Clophill.

Lettice POOL 21 Dame Alice Street with Samuel MURDOCK 21, wheelwright of Bedford.

Ann CRAFT 22 St.Cuthberts with George WARWICK 33, shepherd of Goldington

Ruth CATLIN 21 Canning Street with John WRIGHT 26, labourer of London.

Alice Mary Ann HAWKINS 21 Patteshall St with James WESTROP 24, carpenter of Bedford. □

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PARTRIDGE, Thomas	ANY	NTH	M17C-18C
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HAWNES COURT ROLLS FULL TRANSCRIPT AND TRANSLATION OF X520/273

Thanks to Olga Page we have been sent a comprehensive transcript and translation of the Court Rolls pertaining to Hawnes, now known as Haynes. We are indebted to Bedfordshire Archives Services for their kind permission for allowing us to use this information.

Due to the scale of this document the plan was to publish it as a series of articles "in the next few issues of the Journal". However, as I was gently reminded, since the first instalment published in December 2015 there have been no further instalments ! So here's instalment number 2 and I'll try and make them a bit more frequent.

Manor of Hawnes:

View of frankpledge with Court Baron of the Honorable George Carteret, Knight and Baronet, one of the Lord Privy Counsellors of the most serene Lord King, Lord of the Manor aforesaid and Vice-Chamberlain of the Household of the said Lord King there held on 11 October 21 Charles II 1669, before Thomas Christie, gentleman, steward there.

Essoins: At this court Thomas Peirson, Samuel Cotton, Peter Linford, William Millard, John Norton, John Greene and Daniel Newman were essoined of the common essoin

Jury for the Lord King sworn:

Henry Finch
John Dunham
Thomas Albon
Thomas Linford senior
Henry Warren
William Fann
William Albon
Richard Wheeler
Francis Everard
William Warren
George Milward
Samuel Prior
Robert Jarvis

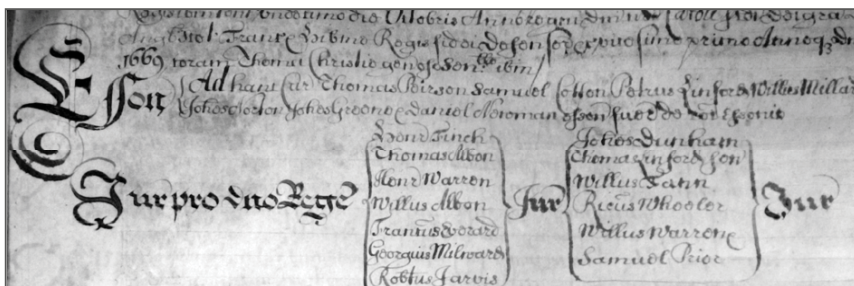
The same also of [as] the Homage for the Court Baron

The above repeated for context, the transcript continues below:

Item: To this Court came Henry Warren in his own person and acknowledged himself to hold freely of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of one peppercorn, a messuage lying in Norwoodend and three acres of pasture with appurtenances. And did fealty for the premises.

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Item: To this Court came Henry Warren in his own person and acknowledged himself to hold freely of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d. a close of pasture called Bastins Close with appurtenances within this Manor. And did fealty for the premises.



Item: To this Court came William Fann in his own person and acknowledged himself to hold freely of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d. a Cottage and one acre of land adjoining with appurtenances within this Manor. And did fealty for the premises.

Item: To this Court came John Wheeler in his own person and acknowledged himself to hold freely of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d. a Cottage lying in Norwoodend and one halfacre of land with appurtenances. And did fealty for the premises.

Item: To this Court came Richard Wheeler in his own person and acknowledged himself to hold freely of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d.

a Messuage, three acres of pasture and six acres of land with appurtenances in Norwoodend. And did fealty for the premises.

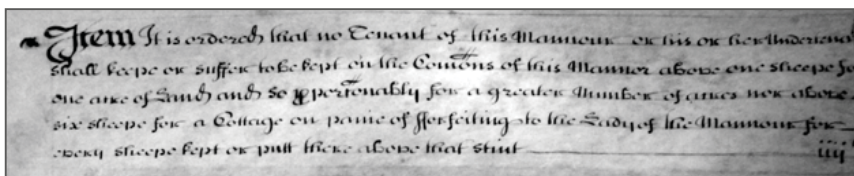
Item: To this Court came Henry Warren in his own person and acknowledged himself to hold freely

of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d. a Messuage with three acres of pasture with appurtenances to the same adjoining in Norwoodend aforesaid. And did fealty for the premises.

Item: To this Court came Thomas Hill and Audrey his wife in their own persons and acknowledged themselves to hold freely of the Lord of that Manor to themselves and their heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d. a Messuage, five acres of land and seven acres of pasture with appurtenances in Norwoodend. And did fealty for the premises.

Item: To this Court came Thomas Basse in his own person and acknowledged himself to hold freely of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d. a Cottage with appurtenances in Norwoodend. And did fealty for the premises.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid present that Thomas Crafts and [blank] his wife, one of the daughters of Edward Nokes who held freely of the Lord of that Manor



to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d., a Messuage, two closes of pasture containing by estimation four acres and twenty six acres of land lying Norwoodend with appurtenances, after the last Court alienated [alienaver[unt]] the same ["eadem" in different ink] to Nicholas Osmond. Who after the last Court died thereof seized, whereat there fell to the Lord a relief. And in his lifetime he made his Will in writing and by the same Will gave and bequeathed the aforesaid tenements with appurtenances to Rosamond his wife until John Osmond his son and next heir attains full age of twenty-one years, with remainder therein to the aforesaid John his heirs and assigns. Which certain Rosamond and John were not present here in Court. Therefore the Bailiff there was ordered to distrain the aforesaid Rosamond and John to do their fealty at the next Court Baron to be held for the aforesaid Manor.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid present that Peter Warner who held freely of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent [blank], a Cottage, eight acres of land and four acres of pasture with appurtenances in Norwoodend,

after the last Court alienated the aforesaid tenements with appurtenances to Thomas King who was not present here in Court. Therefore the Bailiff there was ordered to distrain the aforesaid Thomas to do his fealty at the next Court Baron to be held for the aforesaid Manor.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid present that William Warren who held freely of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent [blank], four acres of land with appurtenances lying in two Fields of Norwoodend after the last Court alienated the same to Thomas King who was not present here in Court. Therefore the Bailiff there was ordered to distrain the aforesaid Thomas so that he should be at the next Court Baron to be held for the aforesaid Manor.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid present that William Smithes who held freely of the Lord of this Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d., a Messuage with appurtenances in Norwoodend, a pigtle of pasture containing by estimation four acres, and sixty acres of land, after the last Court alienated the aforesaid tenements to Mary

Haselden, spinster, who was not present here in Court to do fealty. Therefore the Bailiff there was ordered to distrain the aforesaid Mary to do her fealty at the next Court Baron to be held for the aforesaid Manor.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid present that William Lucas who held freely of the Lord of this Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual of j d., a Messuage and seventeen acres of pasture lying in Deadmans Cross *[inserted in different ink]* within this Manor, after the last Court alienated the aforesaid tenements with appurtenances to Thomas Whitmore who afterwards died. And that Richard Whitmore *[written over an erasure]* is his son and next heir.. Which certain Henry *[sic]* was not present here in Court to do his fealty. Therefore the Bailiff here was ordered to distrain the aforesaid Henry so that he should be at the next Court Baron to be held for the aforesaid Manor.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid present that Richard Awsten who held freely of the Lord of this Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d., a Messuage, twelve acres of pasture and eight acres of land with appurtenances lying and being in Norwoodend, died after the last Court thereof seized, whence there fell to the Lord a relief. And that Elizabeth wife of John Wye and Anne wife of William Lucas are his daughters and co-heiresses. Which

certain John and Elizabeth and William and Anne are not present here in Court to do fealty. Therefore the Bailiff there is ordered to distrain the aforesaid John and Elizabeth and William and Anne to do their fealty at the next Court Baron to be held for the aforesaid Manor.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid present that Richard Thody who held freely of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d., a cottage with appurtenances situate in Norwoodend, after the last Court alienated the same to Cassandra Kelyng, widow, who afterwards died. And that Elizabeth Kelyng, spinster is her daughter and next heir. Which certain Elizabeth was not present here in Court to do fealty. Therefore the Bailiff there was ordered to distrain the aforesaid Elizabeth to do her fealty at the next Court Baron to be held for the aforesaid Manor.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid present that William Warren who held freely of the Lord of this Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d., a Cottage lying near the Warren, after the last Court alienated the aforesaid Cottage with appurtenances to John Bennett, who afterwards alienated the same to John Lampson. Which certain John was not present here in Court to do his fealty. Therefore the Bailiff there was ordered to distrain the aforesaid John to do his fealty at the next Court Baron to be held for the aforesaid

Manor.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid present that George Ling who held freely of the Lord of that Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d., a Cottage situate and lying in Norwoodend, after the last Court alienated the same to John Lumbis. Which certain John was not present here in Court to do fealty. Therefore the Bailiff there was ordered to distrain the aforesaid John to do his fealty at the next Court Baron to be held for the aforesaid Manor.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid present that Peter Warner who held freely of the Lord of this Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of iij d., a Cottage with appurtenances in Norwoodend . And

being present here in he did fealty for the premises.

Item: To this Court came John Osmond, Christopher Pickering, Edward Lawe and Samuel Prior and performed their oath of allegiance.

Item: The aforesaid Homage on their oath aforesaid [*present*] that William Brace held freely of the Lord of this Manor to himself and his heirs by fealty, suit of Court and annual rent of j d., a Cottage, seven acres of pasture and twelve and a half acres of land with appurtenances within this Manor, the moiety of which certain premises Thomas Andrewes lately had and sold to the aforesaid William.

Examined by Thomas Christie,
Steward there. ☐



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We need pictures of the parish church, interesting buildings and local sights.

The following have no photographs at present. So if you live nearby or are visiting, why not take your camera along?

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If you think that you can help, please contact Mark Tresidder by email at:

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GREAT WAR CENTENARY EXHIBITION

St Edmund or St James Church, Blunham, MK44 3NQ

Saturday 10 November 10 – 4

Sunday 11 November 12:30 – 4
following our Service of Remembrance

Like many churches across the country, we are staging an exhibition to commemorate the end of World War 1 with a stunning installation of hundreds of knitted poppies, and memorabilia. We will also have a World War 1 expert present on the Saturday who will be happy to talk about his collection of fascinating artefacts. Refreshments will include 'Trench Cake' from an authentic recipe – this was made by wives and mothers and sent to the troops in the trenches.

A central part of the exhibition will focus on the men listed on our Roll of Honour and we are trying to trace descendants of these men so that we can put together a tribute for each of them, with photographs if possible.

First World War

Melville Richard Howard Agnew ALLEN, Sydney Percy BATTLE, William BROWN, Sydney CHAMBERS, Wilfred Sydney CHRISTIE, Jack EKINS, Bertie GOODSHIP, Horace John GIDDINGS, Herbert (Bert) LITTLE, Percy MANN, Walter MANN, Ernest Alfred ODELL, Walter J STEVENS, Claud Christopher Selby TUPPEN, John WHEATLEY

Second World War

James Jeffery BARTON, John DALLEY, Derek Austin GAYLOR, Alan Dunn HOPKIN, Thomas Walter NORMAN, Joshua John SIMS

If you are related to any of these men, or know anyone who is,
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ONE OF BEDFORD'S OLDEST HOUSES

This photo shows how Bedford has changed. The subject on the front cover of the *Journal* has sadly been demolished and a commercial building is in its place. The photo was taken just to the left of the spot the sketch was made. The church of St John clearly still stands in all its glory.

To see just how much this area has changed go to Google Maps and look for 39 St John's St.

If you can find the aerial view you will see this is no longer a quiet and pleasant part of Old Bedford ☐

Paul Woodcraft



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